

'Puerile' use of satanic imagery endangers party's £10 million campaign with angry backlash

Rebecca Smithers

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HE Conservative Party's £10 million pre-election campaign strategy was thrown into turmoil last night, as highly-respected Church leaders warned that the use of "satanic" imagery in its latest advertising campaign was potentially dangerous The controversial advertisement, which portrays Labour leader Tony Blair as a "demon" with burning red eyes, was unveiled at the weekend in three Sunday newspapers as the latest phase of the Tories' New Labour, New Danger cam-paign. The eyes are the same as those used in an earlier

underlined with shadow cabi-net member Clare Short's recent comments about New Labour: "It's a lie and it's dangerous".

But the Anglican Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, made an unusual political intervention yesterday by claiming that the use of such material was not only puerile and silly but could even prove harmful He also urged all political parties not to resort to "dirty tricks" in their campaigning, but to con-centrate on the main issues facing the country. Even Tories were privately surprised after party sources simply dismissed the Bishop's complaint, saying the poster

simply dismissed the Bishop's complaint, saying the poster was not intended to appeal to the "sneering so-called intel-lectuals of Islington" but was were shown peering through a graphic way of making a to go in for personal abuse a pair of curtains, and are point.

Labour's election cam-1 trate on some of the impor paigns manager Peter Man-delson retorted: "To show to consider at this time."

such contempt for the Bishop of Oxford shows how deep in Later George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, added the gutter the Tories are and his voice to the criticism, sayhow completely out of touch ing the poster was deeply of they are with ordinary, de-cent opinion in Britain." fensive and that the Conser-vatives were heading in the In his statement, the Rev Harries said: "Vilifying memdirection of American political propaganda. "They really are plumbing bers of other political parties

The poster was not intended to appeal to the "sneering so-called intellectuals of Islington" but was a graphic way of making a point.

Tory HQ sources

Cereal killer shops prison

is a puerile exercise and the depths with this. The when that vilifying draws on saturic imagery it is not only pleasant. I just wonder how far it is going to go before the election." He thought the devil imagery was particu-larly distasteful saying "this is not the way to treat somesilly but potentially danger

one whose religious beliefs you respect". Tory backbencher Sir Teddy

leaders they were wrong to concentrate on "negative" cam-paigning by attacking the Opposition. "Perhaps we're making the mistake of constantly attacking Mr Blair and the Labour Party," the leading Eurosceptic told the BBC. The Liberal Democrats also leaped to Labour's defence. Lord Holme, Liberal Demo-crat general election chair-

F P anan, said his party was "ap-palled" by the latest advertising ploy, attempting to demonise Mr Blair. "This sort of crude character assassination, which is reminiscent of Dr Goebbels, is unfortunately all too typical of the Tory Party at bay. Most

decent people, in all parties, will deplore it and it will said it made them more. The probably boomerang against Conservative Central Office". Mr Mandelson pointed to firmed by the poll, where twothe results of research carried out by Labour yesterday morning, in which 40 per cent of respondents said the adver-tisement had made them less for way and portrayed Mr Blair as "devil-like or evil".

fears expressed about the satanic imagery were confavourable towards the Tories, while only 4 per cent Leader comment, page 8

Austin

LABOUR , TONTO.

GPs refuse to aid gun vetting law

poster campaign, when they

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

THE British Medical Association said yesterday that it would resist any move by MPs to make doctors res-possible for authenticating the mental stability of firearms applicants.

One option understood to One option understood to Home Office because inte-have been discussed by the shop in the prison where he home affairs select committee, which today publishes its report on control of handguns, is whether GPs should supply information about the suitabil-Home Office will also be liaity of gun licence applicants.

A spokeswoman for the BMA said: "We believe involving GPs would give a false sense of reassurance to the public." Doctors did not feel hey could predict who would become a danger in the future, and the BMA instead supported tighter gun laws.

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Brown, a former bouncer and martial arts enthusiast who was jailed in 1987 for the murder of a woman as part of an insurance fraud, took the prison to county court, which duly awarded him 25p and ordered the Home Office to pay costs. Yesterday the Prison Ser-vice said that the Littlehey governor, Mick Knight, had no plans to change the Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent MUESLI could now replace porridge as the slang term for prison in the wake of an extraordinary legal case brought by an inmate. A man serving a life sen tence for murder has won no plans to change the 25p compensation from the Home Office because the shop's policy. "The governor does not

consider the administra-tion involved in honouring special offer vouchers as cost effective," said a Prison Service spokeswoman in a statement. "Prisoners are advised to contact the manufacturers if they want to use money-off vouchers." ble for an estimated £2,000 in legal costs. Noel Brown, aged 38, originally from Worcester,

brought a civil action against the Home Office after the prison shop at The spokeswoman added that compensation had Littlehey prison, near Hun-tingdon. Cambridgeshire, refused to deduct the 25p. been paid and there were o plans to appeal. Littlehey prison houses no pla

Brown, a former bouncer | 500 category C inmates, in cluding some serving life sentences and being prepared for release. Last week, a secretary in the jail's educational department was stabbed by a pris-oner with a screwdriver. She has since been released from hospital.

Prisoners are entitled to buy food and toiletries from the prison shop with jail earnings or money sent from outside.

Brown was jailed at Birmingham crown court along with fellow nightclub bouncer Mitchell Robinson in July 1987. The court had heard that Robinson hired Brown for £40,000 to kill Robinson's girlfriend so that Robinson could claim £153,000 insurance. Brown

broke down under police questioning, pleaded guilty and was jailed for life. Robinson was found guilty and also jailed for life.

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accidents at airforce bases nuclear weapons. Somebody might have dropped it a foot Soumas Milno

MoD admits nuclear weapon

result in a scratch, but it is classified as an accident." She was unable to explain why a squadron commander at RAF Wittering had reported "serious damage to a nuclear weapon" in May 1959. It was too long ago to investigate.

The ministry's denials were dismissed as implausible by Labour and Liberal Democrat ous accident involving a politicians and derided by the Campaign for Nuclear Disar-mament, which has been the "2000lb nuclear weapon" at withering, near Cambridge, had meant to refer to a dummy bomb training acci-dent. It denied that newlyconduit for several leaked documents.

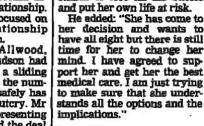
weapon in the UK". A spokes-woman said: "At the most we Full acc

on to the ground, which would probably not even THE Ministry of Defence yesterday began to buckle under the pressure of evi-dence and admitted there had been accidents involving nu-clear weapons at American circ here in Builtein But it air bases in Britain. But it dismissed such incidents as The MoD claimed formerly secret RAF records of a seri-

revealed documents exposed

the situation".

wood's private and business life and that of her partner, Paul Hudson, Relatives and bryos. He has advised her that if she does not undergo a selective abortion then she friends revealed personal destands to lose all the babies tails about their relationship. Reports have also focused on Mr Hudson's relationship with another woman. News that Ms Allwood, aged 31, and Mr Hudson had sold their story on a sliding price scale linked to the numer of babies born safely has provoked a public outcry. Mr Clifford, who is representing the couple, described the deal as the outcome of "market forces. That's the reality of



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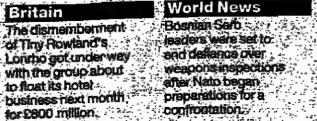
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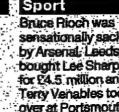
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Despite the admission, the MoD clung to its longstanding insistence that "there has



never been an accident in-volving damage to a nuclear

The documents also high-light a serious fire at the US Air Force base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, in August 1957, involving a "loaded" nuclear bomber, and a second fire there in February 1958.

2 NEWS

Sketch

Jerry points way to God and power



Peter Preston

WWE BEGAN, of course, with prayers. No Republican conven-tion could start without them, commodiously blessing the hall, the delegates, the mayor and city of San Diego, the flag and the voting people. Much praying in the electoral marsh. Done from habit or deep belief? I left the delegate limbering up and did some-

thing I've not done for years. went to church. Across town, at College Ave

nue Baptist, the Reverend Jerry Johnston of Kansas City was providing answers mere politicians could only dream of. "How to save your kids from ruin; winning strategies for raising rock-solid children." Five hundred or so mostly white, mostly elderly pilgrims (a big parking lot and a half) were there to find out.

The Reverend Jerry is 36, with a yellow tie and a charcoal suit. He has a nice smile and uses a remote mike as sweetly as Shirley Bassey. He offered us eight critical steps down the road of non-ruin. A good sub-editor, however, could really make that three. Love 'em. Care about 'em. Pray with 'em.

Johnston's patent points, however, are really only the pegs on a washing line of little stories. He was a teenage drop out and druggie. Then, one day, the Lord entered him. His dad and mum weren't much into religion. "The First Church of the Deep Freeze, says Jerry. But a week after he went home with God, they had joined the faith; and his 69year-old pa travels with him on his mission still.

Tales from outside the fam-ily circle are less immediately uplifting. Kids put acid on their tongues and plunge out of sixth-floor windows. Kids are raped and murdered. Kids become vegetables in drunk driving car crashes. There's a constant undertow of menace. of bad things happening to

good children on an exponen-tial curve of degeneration, generation by generation. Johnston talks for almost an hour without a script and without a pause. Maybe, as he ays, his 1,301st appearance; but still a class act. At the close, in the forecourt, he offers his Family Enrichment Packs (\$60, reduced from \$120) Pack one is books, including

Grandkids' Hardest Questions and Inspire Your Kids to and hispire four kins to Greatness. Pack Two is vid-eos, including Danielle Asks: How far can I go on a date? ("Jerry and his own teenage daughter discover the key bib-lica) measure which is a clear lical passage which is a clear road map to dating.") Both packs, plus that new book on Ruin Salvation, check in at a "special combo" priced \$100,

saving \$95. We've already had the pink envelope for general Church purposes and two blue enve-lopes for Jerty's purposes; every penny to good works, because a businessman has paid his air fares and hotels.

All very strange. But mock-able? Only with an uneasy feel-ing. This is a very foreign country. These are ple trease courteous folks. But what does this Kansas roadshow remind you of? It reminds you of Ross Perot and Pat Buchanan and

every politician sounding off at this prayerful convention. The Johnston style isn't Church style (not Runcie or Carey or Dom Basil). In in the levers be pulls, in the fears he arouses, in the virtuous dreams he dreams, Jerry speaks the language of politics. Or maybe the politicians speak

the language of preachers. At any rate, there's no gap in between, no separate tone of Church and State. He could be doing his hit on the convention podium, a warm-up act for General Colin Powell, And here's the unique American rub, the super special combo Some countries (like Paki-

stan) offer teenagers with a yen for power the choice of democratic politicking or join ing the army. Two routes to the presidential mansion. e countries (like Iran) offer politicians and clerics similarly split opportunity. But only America, and proba bly only the Republican Party offers politicians and general and clerics the same chance of sway in the selfsame language. Let's call it the ultimate combo.



Alexander Lebed, after agreeing with the Chechen rebel leader on the need for a rapid ceasefire PHOTOGRAFH DAVD BRAUCHU his own position. He was one of the main obstacles to gar-

ion in the 1980s, while Mr Rowland was seen as losing his touch after his long-run-ning battle with Harrods owner Mohammed Al Fayed.

Announcing the flotation, Lonrho chief executive Dieter

Bock, who ousted Mr Row-

land two years ago, said it was sad to have to float off the

hotels, but the move was in shareholders' best interests.

The new company - to be called Princess Metropole

Hotels — owns five Metropole hotels in Britain: in Edgware Road, central London, and in

Koad, central London, and in Brighton, Birmingham, Bed-ford and Blackpool. It also includes the New York-based Princess chain, which owns hotels in loca-tions such as Bermuda, Aca-pulco, Palm Springs, and the Bahamas. Evoluded from the collos

Excluded from the sell-off

are Lonrho's African hotel

and safari lodges in Kenya,

non-mining activities later this year. Lonrho Africa, as it will be called, will consist of other predominantly African businesses collected over the years by Mr Rowland, but

will include Dutton Forshaw

and Jack Barclay, the car

That will leave Lourho as a

pure mining company, in-cluding a highly prized 40 per cent stake in Ghana's Ashanti

Goldfields, which City ana-lysts already expect to be-come a takeover candidate.

Photocards slash fraud and save bank £1m

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The Guardian Tuesday August 13 1996

Lebed gets free hand in Chechenia

ORIS Yeltsin is to give his national se-curity adviser Alexander Lebed unprec edented powers to solve the crists in Chechenia, the exparatroop general said yester-day after a lightning visit to

the separatist territory. Gen Lebed said he had met the rebel military leader, As-lan Maskhadov, and agreed on the need for a rapid ceasefire before talks on autonomy Despite the general's words, and telephone talks between Gen Maskhadov and the Rus-sian commander in the field, there was no sign of a respit in the savage fighting which began a week ago when rebels stormed into the Chechen

capital Grozny Last night Interfax news agency reported that separat-ist fighters had launched a surprise attack on the Rus-sian forces' main base in Che-chenia, Khankala airfield outside Grozny.

Yesterday, after what he de-scribed as "an evening stroll around Chechenia" — his car was shot at twice - Gen Lebed said he expected President Yeltsin to sign a decree soon giving the security coun-cil which Gen Lebed heads the lead role in settling the conflict.

He said the decree would entitle him to command all government armed forces in Chechenia, issue orders to all overnment agencies, control funds for the republic and sack ministerial deputies. Gen Lebed said it would be

pointless to declare a state of amargancy in Chechania. But if such a decree were signed, it would end the ineffectual Moscow-backed civilian regime of Doku Zavgayev. The general contemptu-

ously accused Mr Zavgayev of having "delusions of gran-deur", adding: "There is enough rubbish talked about Chechenia, especially from the head of the republic, Doku

Zavgayev." A desperate-sounding Mr Zavgayev said yesterday he was ready to talk to any rebels, and offer them amnesty and government posts. But it may be too late to save can CNN network.

lier attempts to make a deal with the separatists. Gen Lebed, who reported to

Mr Yeltsin yesterday about Mr feisin yesteriay about his meeting with the separat-ists, said Gen Maskhadov had accepted that "Russia can get by without Chechenia, but Chechenia cannot get by without Russia" and agreed that some form of autonomy "We came to the conclu

ston: Russin could beat Chechenia, if it wanted, but at the cost of hundreds and thou-sands of lives," said Gen Lebed; the warring sides would need to be separated by at least a kilometre before talks could begin on an ali-

Chechen peace congress. However, there are doubts about whether Gen Maskhadov or the separatist leader. Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev. really controls the actions of the armed groups. Gen Lebed said he believed

Gen Maskhadov could secure a ceasefire covering 90 per cent of rebels, while 10 per cent of "wolves" would con-

tinue fighting. The security council secre-tary, a possible successor to Mr Yeltsin, said his unexpected appointment as presidential representative for Chechenia had been partly an attempt by intriguers to harm his political image by setting him an impossible task.

In a fresh sign of the grav-ity of the Chechen crisis, Mr Yeltsin chose not to begin a long holiday, but to remain in Moscow this week.

Reports from Grozny were more confused than ever yesterday after the evacuation of a group of journalists trapped in the centre by the fighting. Russian officials denied rebel claims that they had stormed the Grozny headquarters of the FSB federal security service, killing most of the agents • The Glasnost Defence

Foundation, a Russian watch-dog group, condemned the armed forces yesterday for shooting at journalists in Chechenia and accused them of trying to obstruct free reporting. It said helicopter gunships had opened fire last Thursday on a car being used by the international news organisation WTN, and a tele-vision crew from the Ameri-

Festival review

Sorry script slays hotels business sell-off signals final chapter for conglomerate built up by Tiny Rowland hoartifue large and Mauritius, for conglomerate built up by Tiny Rowland hor box last night shrugged for file stake for £177.5 mil-lon. He said it was "mad-ness" to pay so much. The way was cleared for the synn; "I would have been beautiful dragon

Derek Malcolm ***************************** Dragonheart Edinburgh Film Festival

HE Edinburgh Film Fes-tival, 50 years old this year but young at heart, opened with a sword-and-sor cery epic which might have been made at the time the fes tival was inaugurated. The reason was obvious. Rob Cohen's Dragonheart stars the voice, if not the body,

of Edinburgh's most cele-brated millionan, Sean Connery. He plays not St George but The Dragon, and he's the film festival's patron too. What more could we ask for

than his presence? Well, we might have had a better movie. There's about as much sex in Dragonheart as in The Sound Of Music, though the wicked King (David Thewlis) does make a desultory attempt to rape the leading lady, a peasant played like an ani-mated doll by Dina Meyer. But we hadn't come to see

sex. We'd come to see Sean Connery, who still epitomises it for some, and a crowd out-side the local Odeon on Sunday night gave him a thunder-ing welcome, echoed by a standing ovation in the theatre. He seemed gratified

- a superstar returning home at the age of 66. The dragon itself is as good as Ray Harry'hausen's dino-saurs. No higher compliment could possibly be paid. But where, oh where was Racquel Welch in skin-tight leather? The story makes Sean the nicest possible beast --- the last of his kind, hunted up hill and

down dale circa 984 AD by Dennis Quaid's hunter until, editions yesterday.

Soccer strike moves closer as players' union ballots members

Stuart Millar

tion announced plans to bal-The prospect of English league football's first strike moved closer yesterday when the players' union began balloting members on industrial action despite claims from the Pootball League that such HE prospect of English league football's first alams from the Pootball eague that such a move yould be illegal. Five days before the new to the PFA. League that such a move would be illegal.

after a fight that's a stalemate, the two combine first to con frightened villagers into part-ing with cash for a fake erate built up over 35 years by dragon-slaying exhibition and then to rid the kingdom of somewhere or other of its Tiny Rowland, got under way yesterday with the disclosure that the group is to float off its hotels business next month for up to 2800 million.

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Lonrho, the interna-tional trading conglom-

Lonrho plans eventually to

temerge into three separately quoted companies. It will also hive off its other

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Lonrho - where next?

nasty monarch. It's an uneven match between Quaid and the beautifully animated dragon. And neither Peter Postlethwaite nor Julie Christle have much coherent to do as a wandering friar who looks like he's strayed out of Robin Hood or the King's mother who is ever so slightly disappointed in her

vile son. It's the script that's at fault, never doing more than touching upon the fantasy's real centre, which ought to have been about a lonely dragon who makes good in an evil world. What Spielberg would have done with such a story doesn't bear thinking about in the way of pathos and senti-ment. Likewise Disney. This ment, Likewise Diskty. This limp effort, so well animated by Scots-born Euan Macdon-ald, aided by Industrial Light And Magic, is direly directed by Cohen, whose feel for a mythical time is perfunctory, and management of the part and whose swordfights must have seemed laughable in a country which took Mel Gib son's Braveheart to its bosom Never mind. We all caught a glimpse of Connery, and that was a thrill. Kids ought to low the dragon. Even so, the olde film festival in the world to run without a break ought to have been represented by something a bit better than this, even if it is now daftly called the Drambule Edin-burght Film Factured for

THE Royal Bank of Scot-land yesterday attacked rivals for failing to follow its burgh Film Festival, for sponsorship reasons. This review appeared in some

rivals for failing to follow its lead in putting customer photographs on bank and credit cards, a practice which has cut fraud dramatically on its 500,000 plastic cards. The bank disclosed that cases of fraud had fallen 99

Jill Papworth and Sarah Ryle

per cent on its Highline multi-function card and 85 per cent on its credit card since it introduced photocards five season starts, the Profes-sional Footballers' Associa-

years ago. This has saved the bank nearly \$1 million. Andrew Waldman, the bank's director of card services, said: "We have been surprised by the lack of take-up by the financial services in

few cards. "While only one or two cards on the market have available, leaving the Royal Bank of Scotland the only issuer in the market. photos, they are a novelty and easily discarded by thieves in favour of others. But if a large But a spokeswoman for Midland Bank said: "We are proportion of cards, had not convinced that photo photos, we believe criminals cards have any tangible benewould start to use them," said fits. These figures don't stack up according to our research. US trials, for example, proved

that a card with a photo of a monkey was accepted for transactions by retailers. "We don't think it's fair to put the onus on retailers to

police transactions. It's the bank's responsibility to in-vest in other technological methods of detecting fraud such as "chip" cards which can hold far more sophisti-cated information about cardholders than just physical attributes."

up by the inancial services in general. Only one building Barciays Bank, the largest because only half of those society, National & Provin plastic card issuer with 14 tomers who could have to it up have done so, w same laser technology." Now N&P has been taken over by Abbey National, its because it issues relatively card, " a spokesman said.

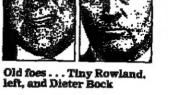
Lonrho break-up launched with £800m flotation

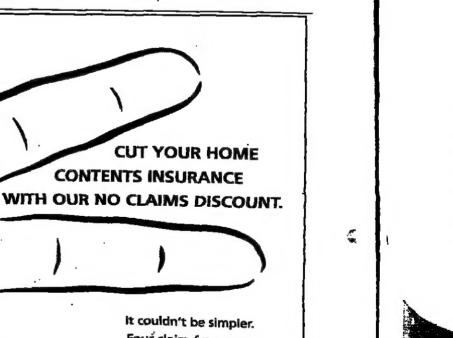
The way was cleared for the ain has seen. At its height, Lonrho conflotation six weeks ago, when Lourho regained full control trolled about 700 companies in more than 50 countries, with Mr Rowland — once deof Metropole for £251 million, buying back a one-third stake controversially sold to the Libyan Arab Foreign Invest-ment Company by Mr Row-land in 1992. The deal was at-tacked by Mr Rowland, who scribed by former prime min-ister Edward Heath as "the unacceptable face of capitalism" - the feared corporate raider at its helm. However, the City lost its fondness for Lonrho as con-glomerates went out of fash-

lion. He said it was "inad-ness" to pay so much. Mr Bock last night shrugged off Mr Rowland's criticism, saying: "I would have been disappointed had he not made such a comment." Mr Rowland, who has at-tacked Mr Bock continually since selling all but five mil-lion of his Lonrho shares last year, has also criticised the year, has also criticised the demerger as offering little value to shareholders.

left, and Dieter Bock







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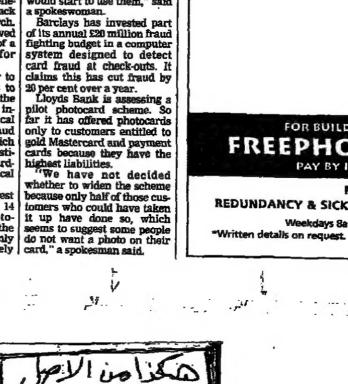


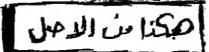
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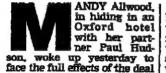


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Debate on press deal and pregnancy overwhelms couple
Private lives held up for scrutiny

Conception of a multiple nightmare,

The hopes and joys of new life have exploded in the faces of Mandy Alwood and Paul Hudson. Vivek Chaudhary traces the trail



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son, woke up yesterday to face the full effects of the deal in which she has sold her

story to a Sunday newspaper. Graphic reports about her personal and business life, an alleged police investigation petrol fraud and comments from her family calling her a "money grabber" have appeared in national newspapers over the past two days. For Ms Allwood, it is all in stark contrast to the events of May, when she discovered that she was pregnant, mark-ing the end of a two-year

ing in which her desire to have a baby with Mr Hudson dominated her life. Ms Allwood met Paul Hud-

son in 1992, when she was working for General Accident Property Services. Both were involved in other relation-ships — Ms Allwood was married to Simon Pugh with whom she had a son named Charlie in 1991 and Mr Hudson was living with his part-ner Maria Edwards. The son of Jamaican immi-

grants, Mr Hudson was the epitome of the 1980s yuppie, a flamboyant young businessman who cruised nightclubs in his gold BMW and had a bit of a reputation as a "ladies man". He ran his own lettings company, called Chunkmonster Property, in Bir-mingham, and made the bulk of his money during the 1980s property boom.

Ms Allwood was respon-sible for letting out some of Mr Hudson's properties and the two became close as Mr Hudson's business went from strength to strength. Their relationship is believed to have started after he asked her to manage his company in

"I liked the way she operated. She was really profes-sional and really impressed me," Mr Hudson told the News of the World on Sunday. After leaving her husband

in 1994, Ms Allwood and Charlie moved into a Solihull flat

going fertility treatment but when she told him he ordered

her to stop taking the drugs after two days of the seven-

day course.

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tried to get together a package that would be of maximum benefit to all those involved." The nature of the story The couple continued to have sex and in May Ms All-wood brought a home preg-nancy kit which confirmed what she had been waiting for an long to hear. meant that a special deal had to be worked out, effectively linking the amount of money the couple receive to the num-ber of babies that will be born alive. While neither Mr Clif-ford nor the News of the so long to hear - that the test was positive and she was

> involved, it is believed that the couple still stand to make at least £100,000 if none of the babies is born. If all the babies are born they could make up to \$1 million for

of last week to tell me that this story was about to break, that people were aware that it

was going to happen. So they came in to see me and I have

impact and value of the story. After speaking with his so-licitor, he was advised to con-tact Max Clifford. He took the key figures in negotiations, said yesterday there was no fine print linking the number of babies to the amount of couple to the News of the

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I just want her to be careful her health is already

gets turned."



The whys and

took? Injectable gonadotrophins are hormone injections made from the urine of menopausal women. They cause a woman to ovulate.

Who takes them? Women who are failing to conceive because they are not ovulating. About one in six couples are infertile or under fertile — ovulation is behind the problems of about 21 per cent of them. Male problem account for 26 per cent, tubal damage 14 per cent and unesplained problems 28 per cent.

Is this IVF? No. In vitro fertilisation is the extraction of eggs to be fertilised by sperm in a test tube. But fertility drugs are also taken in the early stages of IVF to increase the number of eggs the woman produces.

Can you get fertility drugs over the counter with a GP's rescription? No. GPs may prescribe a mild tablet if they think a woman is not ovulating properly, but anyone with real problems will be referred on to an NHS hospital or private fertility clinic.

Do you have to be in a stable relationship to get fertility drugs on the NHS? Not necessarily. It depends on the attitude of the local health authority - some will not pay for treatment unless the woman is married or has been cohabiting for some time. Others make no conditions. And GPs sometimes refuse to refer women for treatment.

What about private clinics? hose that do IVF are licensed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which requires them to consider the welfare of any child that may be born. This means looking at the domestic circumstances of the would-be parents. Clinics do not have to do it when treating women with fertility drugs, but the authority generally expects them to uphold the same standards.

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quadruplets can be conceived

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naturally and survive.

Report: Sarah Boseley



"It is extremely important that . . . aspects of her management become a private issue between the

parents and her doctors. It will be very difficult for people to take the right decisions

under the spotlight of the media. I am urging all media to let this story settle

now." Prof Kypros Nicolaides, Ms

kind of business."

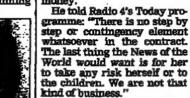
Stuart Kuttner, managing

editor of the News of the

World, yesterday

World will confirm the money It was not until July, however, that hospital scans revealed that there were eight babies. Mr Hudson ap-proached Central Television

and it was Central's reaction that brought home to him the their story and sponsorship. Stuart Kuttner, mana editor of the News of the World, who was one of the



One thing the couple probably never expected was national newspapers competing to expose the most per-sonal details of their lives. Ms Allwood's sister Jackie Bur-Bess is quoted in yesterday's Daily Mail as saying: "Mandy is infatuated with [Paul] but I don't think even having Paul's babies would keep him.

Ms Burgess added: "Mandy is a very strong character and very ambitious herself. You meet someone with property and money and your head

Other newspapers claimed that the couple have county court judgments against them for failing to pay debts total-ling almost £2,000. According to reports, the couple have ran up debts at four different addresses and Ms Allwood has applied for credit cards at least four times under her own name and five times under her married name. The Daily Mirror claimed that Ms Allwood and her part-

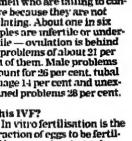
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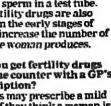
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What are these fertility drugs that Mandy Allwood





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us," said Ms Vince. "We

so much hurt. She had a good home and a loving family but she turned her back on us." were totally in his hands because we needed the money for the children."

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News in brief MoD's belated attempt to explain away evidence of 1959 weapons accident unlikely to satisfy critics

Nuclear denial 'not enough'

HE Government's attempts yesterday to explain away the first documentary evidence of a nuclear weapons accident in Britain - directly contradicting years of Ministry of De-fence denials — is unlikely to satisfy growing demands for a full account. The 49 Squadron record

book at RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire, for May 1959 -first revealed at the weekend and now lodged at the Public Record Office in Kew recorded that during "Exer-

cise Mayflight" a "2,000lb nu-clear weapon was acciden-tally jellisoned ... severe damage resulted to the dence of radiation leaks from

weapon". An MoD spokeswoman said last night that it was not yet clear whether such an acci-dent had taken place. In any chorus of critics. case it could not involve a nuclear weapon because such exercises never used live warheads. "It would have be n an inert training round, or dummy," she insisted. She said that she could not

explain why the squadron commander had used the 'phraseology" he did because and 1994. it was so long after the event. Government explanations | was correct, the MoD said | only been minor incidents,

now to determine the cause of a burnt-out US nuclear-armed its release.

aircraft at Greenham Com-Labour and the Liberal Democrats called for the Gov-ernment to "come clean". mon in the late 1950s - seem no more likely to silence its John Reid, Labour's defence The MoD said that leaked spokesman, warned yester-day that the "MoD should search carried out in 1961 by two government scientists showing contamination of the have learned from long experience that a cover up be-comes a bigger story in the surrounding area with en-riched uranium 235 - the fisend"

A CND spokesman, Eddie Goncalves, said: "Each line of defence looks more implausi-ble than the last. If the MoD is sile component of nuclear weapons --- had had been contradicted by studies in 1986 Even if the original report right in claiming there have

yesterday, the levels of radia-tion were relatively low — nothing to lose by publishing and it would be impossible the details, but they refuse to samples. do that."

In 1991, Sir Ronald Oxburgh, the MoD's chief scientific adviser, reported 20 "in-cidents" involving nuclear weapons. He remarked that although he had no evidence of serious damage to the weapons, he had no way of knowing whether he was given all the information.

In the wake of the latest revelations, Newbury council is commissioning a survey of the Greenham Common base to investigate fears that radiation emissions are behind a cluster of leukaemia cases. A | with the cancer victims.

versity will analyse soil

The Government's Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment is re-opening its own investigation. There is also concern in the area that concrete from the Greenham runway is being used to build the nearby Newbury bypass.

One reason why both the British and US gov are thought to have been so adamant that no bomb acci dents have taken place is the scale of potential compensa-tion claims that could be made if a link was established



TODAY'S 24-hour walkout on the London Underground was COUAY 5 24-hour walkout on the London Undergrowth was called off yesterday after the rail unions agreed to put a shorter hours and pay package to a ballot of the 2.200 drivers. But the future of the dispute, which has closed the LU network seven times over the past couple of months, still hangs in the balance as Aslef, the main drivers' union, will recommend the offer but the Rail Maritime and Transport union is urging a 'No' vote. LU managers are prepared to meet the drivers' aim of a 35-hour week by 1996, in exchange for two years' wage settlements at 2 per cent below the inflation rate-a pay cut in real terms of more than 4 per cent.

Lew Adams. Aslef's general secretary, said the deal was a "victory and a severe embarrassment for the Government", which had interfered in the dispute. But bob Crow. RMT assistant general secretary, said the real pay cut was "too high a price to pay". — Seumos Milne

Major boost for Goldsmith

THE financier Sir James Goldsmith yesterday appointed a former Downing Street aide as his Referendum Party's chief press officer. Ian Beaumont, 38, spent seven-and a half years working in the No 10 press office under Margaret Thatcher and John Major before joining the Metropolitan police press team two years ago. Although Mr Beaumont as a civil servant was supposed to be Although wir Beaumont is a civil set van wei suppose of the politically impartial, his recruitment to the Referendum Party will be seen as something of a coup for Sir James. The Tories are already alarmed at his threat — backed by a £20 million war chest — to run candidates against Conservatives at the general election unless they support his call for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. Some Conservative strategists fear they could undermine their chances in a number of key marginals.

Glorious Tweifth' troubles

THE OPENING day of the red grouse shooting season - the 'Glorious Twelfth" - got off to a turbulent start yesterday. A gamekeeper was injured when around 50 animal rights campaigners charged across Stanhope Common, west Durham, wav-ing sticks and flags at a 12-strong shooting party. Police from Durham and Cumbria allowed the hunting party to move on. The Savoy Hotel in London which had grouse on the menu was besieged by banner-waving protesters from London Animal Action and the Flunt Saboteurs Association. Police moved cam-

paigners from the hotel's entrance, which they said was in a private street, and their protests continued in The Strand, A man for London Animal Action said: "There's nothing glorious about the twelfth of August for the grouse."

Boys' blood samples wanted

FRENCH investigators hunting the killer of the Cornish school-girl Caroline Dickinson confirmed yesterday that they wish to take blood samples from the four teenage boys who travelled with her Launceston College party to Britanny. Caroline, who was 13, was found raped and suffocated three weeks ago in the small youth hostel dormitory she was sharing with four classmates in the town of Pleine Fougeres.

Last week when police released Patrice Padé, a 39-year-old vagrant who had confessed to the crime. DNA tests showed he could not have committed the rape. A French source confirmed that, unlike the male coach driver and two male teachers in the group, the four boys had not given blood tests.

Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat MP for Cornwall North, said the lack of information from France was not helpful in terms of dispelling speculation. - Alex Dural Smith in Paris and Geoffrey

BBC efficiency reviewed

VIRGINIA Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, vesterday ordered a fresh efficiency study into the BBC to review the level of the television licence fee currently at £89.50 for colour and £30 for black and white. Consultants Braxton Associates will examine the corporation's progress in achieving greater efficiency and exploiting additional sources of revenue.

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IREFIGHTERS search homes in Black Bull Road, Folkestone, yesterday after six people were injured when a shop collapsed due to the weight of the rainwater from flash floods writes Lucy Manning. A Kent Fire Bri-

gade spokesman said: "It tumbled like a pack of cards." The floods caused chaos in Kent as buildings collapsed and were set on fire due to torrential rain and lightning. The fire brigade received a call every 25 seconds.

rescue 42 people from a row of flooded bouses. Five were taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Four houses were hit by lightning. "One of the inci-dents was serious" said Geoff Cooper of Kent Fire Bri-gade "but thankfully no one was hurt."The lightning also hit power supplies, and thousands of homes around

Folkestone High Street was left under six inches of | Dover, Folkestone and Hythe were without electricity, water and firefighters using inflatable boats had to | The floods caused disruption on the roads near Ashford The floods caused disruption on the roads near Ashford and the M20, which was down to one lane. The rain caused signalling problems at Ashford, which disrupted rail services. Eurostar trains passing through Ashford International Station were also affected. A London Weather Centre spokesman said the heavy

eyed demon. Yesterday he

sought to play down sugges-tions that there were any ten-

sions in the Cabinet. "I sim-ply don't believe the story that there is unhappiness" he told BBC Radio 4's Today

this period ... cabinet minis-ters have to take a broad po-

"The constitution, for example, is not only Scotland and Wales, it's also Europe,

it's also the monarchy, and

one cabinet minister has to bring all those points

together. Stephen Dorrell is very well positioned indeed to

Switched to health in John

Major's 1995 reshuffle, Mi

Dorrell has won plaudits for his calm handling of the beet

Today he will detail the pro

gress that has been made in attaining the 5 per cent cuts

in management costs of NHS trusts which he has called for

to funnel more money into pa-

tient care. The Tories' tactic over the

summer months while Parlia-ment is in recess will be to

appoint cabinet members to act as senior party spokesmen

for short periods coinciding

with announcements in their

own policy areas. Next week, Mr Howard will

launch a campaign on law and order. Early next month

the Chancellor, Kenneth

Clarke — while not a member of the main campaigns team — will focus on the economy. Mr Heseltine will be charged

with a campaign of his own, the theme of which is still to be decided.

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tunity to demonstrate how we have further improved our efficiency, exceeding the targets set for us at the last review and turning savings into enhanced programme output." In its annual report last month the corporation said it had ploughed savings of \$100 million back into programme-making over the past year. Staff had fallen by 850 to 19,800. - Andrew Culf

Railtrack's dire warning

A SHOCK-tactic cassette tape, using graphic language to warn drivers of the dangers of misusing automatic level crossings, was issued yesterday by Railtrack. It tells motorists: "If you get hit by a high-speed train, the police could be looking for your remains over as much as three-quarters of a mile of track. What remains of

over as much as three-quarters of a mile of track. What remains of you and your passenger could end up being scraped off the track and put into several plastic bags." Clive Hammond, Ralltrack Great Western's public affairs man-ager, said: "It's deliberately provocative in order to create aware-ness and save lives. We must raise public awareness of the very real dangers of ignoring the safety code."

"It is understood that in Prisoner found hanged

THE Prison Reform Trust called for further training in suicide prevention for prison staff yesterday after a 21-year-old remand prisoner was found hanged in Armley jail, Leeds. Andrew Smith, of Beeston, Leeds, had been in the Victorian prison since the end of May, facing robbery charges. The acting prison governor, Chris Walker, said that the dead man was not on the suicide watch bit introduced after a subset of deaths between 1000 and 1000 Mm list introduced after a spate of deaths between 1988 and 1992. Mr Smith was on his own in a cell in B Wing, which houses a mixture of remand and convicted immates.

A recent trust report criticised the jail for the amount of time prisoners spend in their cells, which was exceeded only by Wormwood Scrubs in London. — Martin Wainwright

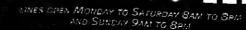
Correction

LISTENING figures for Virgin 1215AM's Russ and Jono Breakfast Show fell by 5.2 per cent between the first and second quarters of 1996, and not as reported in Saturday's Guardian. The decline, recorded in figures from Radio Joint Audience Research Ltd was in line with the general 5 per cent fall in breakfast listening during the period. during the period.



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.abour 'would discuss reform with monarchy'

Rebocca Smithers Political Correspondent

ABOUR appeared to concede yesterday that a Blair government would have to consider reforms to the monarchy, after publication of plans by one of its own parliamentary candidates calling for the Queen to be stripped of her constitutional powers and reduced to a ceremonial figurehead.

In a 7,500-word pamphlet entitled Long to Reign Over Us", published yesterday by the leftwing Fabian Society. Paul Richards urges Tony Blair to end "Labour's last taboo" by addressing the need for reform.

Mr Richards, Labour's par-liamentary candidate for Billericay in Essex, has put together proposals which in-clude scrapping the Civil List, the transfer of all powers en-compassed by Royal Prerogative to the Commons Speaker, a new national anthem and a referendum on the future of

"The Labour Party, to be serious about governing Brit-ain, cannot duck the issue any longer," he writes. "This issue is something that the Labour Party has managed particularly well in its 96year history. No serious at-tempt has been made by any Labour government to reform the monarchy, nor has any serious suggestion been made

of reform while in opposition." Labour sources moved swiftly to distance the party from the report, insisting it did not constitute party pol-ment top table."

E WAS a working class

Today. 135 years after Dic | est annual commemoration

Penderyn. a martyr of the of his death into a national

hero when Karl Marx

was barely a teenager.

James Meikie

icy, and that Mr Blair would Tory right Frank Dobson, the shadow angered by environment secretary, said: Tony Blair has consistently central role expressed his great admira-tion for the job the Queen does. There is no prospect of a Labour government seeking to alter the role or the politi-cal status of the Queen." for Dorrell in poll run-up

However, the party's consti **Rebecca Smithers**

tutional affairs spokesman. Doug Henderson, appeared to concede there could be some changes. "I think the Queen THE Conservative Party chairman. Brian Mawhinrecognises that change has to take place. A Labour governney, has triggered fresh ten-sions within the Tory high command by giving Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell a key campaigning role in the ment will have continuing talks with the monarchy on how jointly we think change

run-up to the general election. Mr Dorrell — widely seen as a potential leadership can-didate of the Tory left — has could take place," he said. The Conservative Party pointed out that, far from being a leftwinger. Mr Richbeen appointed to lead the as-sault on Labour's proposed constitutional reforms. The Prime Minister has ards was considered a Blair-ite. The Fabian Society numbers 90 Labour frontbe with Mr Blair as a patron.

Arguing that New Labour said he will make the constihas drawn up policies on every constitutional issue tution a key campaign issue, and he plans to make maxi-mum capital out of Labour's from the House of Lords to a Welsh parliament. Mr Richwatering down of its commitards says it should take up his reforms to complete the ment to devolution in Scot-land and Wales.

package. Mr Richards exposes what he considers Labour's hypocrisy over its relation-But the combative Mr Ma whinney - now on holiday has angered rightwing mem-bers of the Cabinet by giving ship with the royal family. In 1908. Edward VII banned Keir the crucial brief to Mr Dor-rell. The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, feels the job Hardie — chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party - from royal garden parties. "The PLP, true to form, mounted a boycott of all royal should have been handed to him, while Scottish Secretary

Michael Forsyth and Welsh Secretary William Hague also events until Hardie's name believe that they have been wrongly sidelined. was back on the guest list, and the palace backed down

Mr Dorrell will be joined by Defence Secretary Michael Portilio, Mr Howard and Dep-

They hope recognition

that Penderyn was innocent will help turn the still mod-

The Tory campaign team: clockwise from top left, Stephen Dorrell and the Michaels Portillo, Heseltine and Howard

campaign team. Mr Portillo yesterday took over the reigns from Mr Ma-

ity Prime Minister Michael Sunday night, he was cata Heseltine to make up the par-ty's high-powered election pulted straight into the row about Labour's policy on the monarchy. He was also propelled into the front line to defend the

whinney as the party's most | Conservative Party's controsenior spokesman. After versial poster campaign por-returning from holiday on traying Tony Blair as a wild-

landers. He was taken to Cardiff and hanged, his last words being: "Oh God, Others accused of leading

the disturbances were transported. Forty years later, a man called Iuean Parker is said to have confessed to the attack on his deathbed.

'Oh God, what an injustice' --- Welsh seek pardon for working class hero hanged after 1831 uprising ers plan to petition the really has to be righted" raded under a sheet daubed vate Black of the 93rd High- naif or as a victim of au-Home Secretary. Michael said Charlie Gale, a Labour with the blood of a lamb landers. He was taken to thorities determined to

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In 1831 iron and coal and another 74 were in-workers took over the Mid jured in the subsequent MP for Cardiff West, said: Glamorgan town for nearly fighting, and Penderyn. "Wales has never been able



Investors get a slice of Macbeth action

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HE advertising pro-claimed: ''Your claimed: chance to share in the next exciting chapter of British film history." It could equally have said: "So you wanna be in the movies?

The latest trend in the British film industry got under way yesterday at a castle near Fife: Macbeth,

hare offer described as

John Ezard

investors

starring Jason Connery, son of Sean, Helen Baxen-dale and Brian Blessed, and a small array of private Macbeth is the first production from Macbeth plc, an offshoot of Grampian Television and Cromwell Productions Limited, the

Helen Baxendale: 'I know how hard it is to get funds' company that made The Bruce and Chasing The

"one of the finest tragic Deer, two straight-to-video screenplays ever written" "I'd heard about the

epics. All three have been fischeme because I'd seen the nanced by a share issue. advertisements in the press," said Convery, "A lot of people pooh-poohed the idea initially, but in the with private individuals investing a minimum of £500. As well as the usual perks, they also get to appear in States they've created a film industry that has be-come self-perpetuating,

the film. "They all seem very happy to come down and whereas here we don't have have a go," said Connery, adjusting his costume in an industry as such. What has been done here is the castle's medieval dresspretty cours ing room. Connery plays the title role in what the

thing about the unconven-tional way of funding." she said. "I think there's a lot of snohbery going on. I've written a short film so I know how difficult it is to The film's producer, Bob Carruthers, denied the idea was just a cinematic varia-

tion of vanity publishing. "It would be like vanity publishing if there wasn't an established company be-hind it," he said. "We learned a lot of lessons from The Brnce. It got quite a had reception in some places but it's working

much better for TV sales. It was a bit like being struck by lightning because Braveheart came out at the same time

The movies do not necessarily represent a good money-making venture. Macbeth, to be followed by King Lear next year, should be released at the end of the year, if all goes well. Inves-tors should not hold their breath waiting for a return however.

"The investors in Chas-ing the Deer will take five to 10 years to get their money back," said Carplays Lady Macbeth, agreed. "I didn't know any-would be a result."

Dan Glaister on how £500 buys into a 'fine tragic screenplay'

Balvaird Castle, Tayside, where Macbeth plc is filming the tragedy starring Jason Connery, above right, Baxendale and an army of small investors PHOTOGRAPH MURDO MacLEOD | support for another Goodfel-



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Insurance offered for drug injury

Owen Bowcott low Rebecca Ingrams Pearsons scheme, which allows prostitutes who cannot work NSURANCE against the because of back pain to claim up to 90 per cent of their deconsequences of drug-tak-ing was put on sale yesclared earnings over the pre-vious 12 months. Simon Burgess, managing director of the broking firm. terday by a firm of City brokers in the face of claims that the policy will encourage teenage ecstasy abuse. said: "This is a unique dis-ablement insurance based on Goodfellow Rebecca Ingrams Pearsons Ltd is offerfigures which show that the ing up to £100,000 in lump risk of deaths from drugs like ecstasy is considerably less sum compensation for those who suffer "permanent total disability" after taking non-

than from smoking. "I am a parent myself and I with a premium of £15 a year, the policy is aimed at parents who fear they cannot control their children, rather know that I will not be able to regulate my children's social life. I felt that since there is a chance they will take drugs then there should be some in-surance because if they be than at young people who be-lieve they are in danger from surance, because if they become ill or die it is an accident." swallowing drugs such as ec-stasy. LSD or amphetamines. The firm received more than 800 inquiries yesterday. Around 70 people have been killed by ecstasy since the late 1980s, including Leah Betts of Essex, who died after taking the drug at her 18th birthday party. Leah's mother, Janet, yes-tarday attacked the incurrence "Most of those who rang were parents. They are the ones who will have to pick up the pieces. The youngsters proba-bly won't be interested. They terday attacked the insurance plan as exploitative. "This kind of thing gives me a funny sick feeling," she said. "I wonder what the world is coming to. It is just another sales with and this merican sales pitch, and this man is as bad as the dealers. I don't think many parents will take up this offer." The insurance, which also provides compensation for death and disablement, is

think it's never going to happen to them. underwritten by one French and three German insurers, all of whom have asked to

"I know there may be some knee-jerk reactions against the policy, but I'm highlight-ing the dangers, not encour-aging them." Among other risks the firm has insured against are: con-tracting the degenerative ill-ness CJD, injury or death from terrorism, giving birth to twins, and falling ill with salmonella food poisoning. The latest policy does not cover drugs such as heroin taken intravenously, alremain anonymous. though the final wording

Last week Lloyd's insurmaking such a distinction clear is still being drafted by ance market withdrew its lawyers.

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Groundsman's appeal dismissed by tribunal

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offering him a job preparing synthetic pitches at an indoor sports centre. Mr Pocock, who joined Fenner's when he was 17, had been head groundsman since 1980 and was only the fourth person since 1830 to hold the

position. He said afterwards that he was "very disap-pointed indeed" by the decision. He has not worked since

late 1994 because of depression and stress. Mr Pocock complained that

constructively dismissed him

and breached his contract by

the university had forced him out of his job after complaints about the pitches he prepared for first class games against Worcestershire and New Zealand in the summer of 1994. The tribunal heard the Fen-

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N HAPPIER days, Tony Pocock could think of nothing better than being a head cricket groundsman. Asked about his worst experi-ence in his job, he said: "I can't think of one." But yesterday his 30 year career at Fenner's, Cam-bridge, ended in defeat and depression. Mr Pocock, aged 47 — a single man who was married to his work and still in love with it — lost an in-dustrial tribunal case. It rejected his charge that Cambridge university had

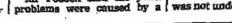
Tony Pocock: criticised for Fenner's pitch preparation

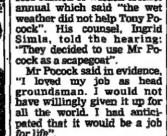
fied with Mr Pocock's perfor-mance. The new, better-paid job was offered because he thought Mr Pocock might ner's wicket had to be relaid on the orders of the Test and County Cricket Board. Mr Po-cock suffered from depression when an outside contractor was hired. The TCCB had threatened

to withdraw Fenner's status as a venue for first class situation cricket.

According to evidence to the tribunal, Harry Brind, the TCCB's wicket inspector wrote: "We must stress that

wrote: "We must stress that the renovation work will be to no avail unless in future the correct methods of pitch prep-aration and ground maintenance are employed." Mr Pocock said the pitch





"dreadfully" wet start to the season. "It would not dry out.

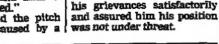
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Jonathan Freedland on the winners and losers as Republicans gather in San Diego to try to talk up their flagging presidential campaign

A neutered Newt at the Convention of the Damned

rarty and the most dynamic force in US politics. But tonight Newt Gingrich will address the Republican con-vention as a backbencher, reduced to speaking for just seven minutes in a slot usoally reserved for low-level functionaries.

The Speaker — a year ago discussed as a possible presi-dential hopeful — has been exiled by convention plananxious to distance

NCE he was King of the Hill, hailed as the de facto leader of the Republican Party and the most dynamic Party and the most dynamic Despite his official title as General Chairman of the convention, Mr Gingrich

will appear at the podium only rarely. More telegenic deputies will take the chair instead. One cartoon pub-lished yesterday showed a janitor emptying dustbins under the capiton, "Newi's role in San Diego." "This was not his deci-

ged that he should not have prominent rol Mr Gingrich's negative ratings have been stub-bornly high since last autumn when he led a disas-

trous partial shutdown of the US government. His un-popularity increased when he complained about being seated at the back of Air Force One on the way to Is-raeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral. America's

Out on a limb: Gingrich, Lamar Alexander and Pete Wilson tabloids dubbed him a "cry-baby" and the name stuck. Republicans and Democrats Aides insist that the in a dead heat in congre ssio nel races — while Mr Dole lags far behind Mr Clinton Speaker — who used to boast that he was more pow-- Mr Blankley asked, "Who's hurting whom?" erful than the President has not been sidelined. In a plucky attempt at spin, Mr Gingrich's British-born

The eclipsing of Newt Gingrich is only the most obvious example of how San Diego has divided the press secretary, Tony Blank ley, said the Speaker had ac-tually volunteered for an Republican Party's top offpeak slot to lure the TV networks to extend their ranks into winners and losers. Also out is former Tenexander, who enjoyed a brief boomlet when he took third place in the lowa presi-

San Diego coverage. Mr Blankløy rejected claims that Mr Gingrich's unpopularity is hurting Mr

dential contest in February. Mr Alexander has disap-peared from the national scene since then, and has been spotted around San Diego apparently looking for people to talk to and hands to shake. He flew to San Diego on an ordinary flight, along with the reporters who used to cover him. Also out in the cold are the moderate, abortion rights supporting wing of the party. California governor Pete Wilson — a nominal host of the convention --will not speak at all, after he

Steve Forbes. Grinning his way around the convention centre, the geeky former candidate may have been a loser in politics, but he's a winner in policy. His supply-side economics has been adopted by Mr Dole, who hast week proposed a 15 per cent across-the-board tax cut, and his closest ally, Jack Kemp, is now the party

IN

Inside track: Pat Buchanan and Steve Forbes

Superficially a loser, his anti-immigration, protec-tionist rhetoric has been adopted in the party mani-festo — and both the plat-form and the running mate are committedly antiabortion. He may look like a loser, but he's really a winner. For Bob Dole, who will be lauded as a hero on Thursday, it could be the

other way around. number two. "They're sing-They can't be

How the cream of US commentators see the convention, and the issues and personalities likely to dominate it

DEPORTING OUR CHILDREN MMIGRANT bashing is ue to hit a new low when the Republicans promise to deny citizenship to the children of illegal aliens. This startling and truly mean proposition would dramatically change a bedrock principle of this democracy: no matter where you come from or who your parents are, if you are born on this soil, you are forever an American.

There are all sorts of practical reasons for rejecting this change. Would hospitals have to assume new responsibil-ities for investigating the citizenship status of new mothers before registering births? Once before, this country

denied citizenship to an entire class of native-born Americans whose ancestors had come from Africa not with visas but listed on bills of sale. A great war was fought over their status in this society, and it was resolved in favour of citizenship and full freedom.

iggest one. The presidential campaign now looks as if it will be about tax cuts versus bal-anced budgets. Bill Clinton and the Democrats are newly converted fiscal realists; Bob

Dole improbably heads the Let's Party crowd. Mr Dole, a longtime balanced-budget man, picked up Jack Kemp's tax-cut theories as well as Mr Kemp himself. We are now in the interesting position of watching a contest in which the Democrats talk about avoiding debt, while Mr Dole urges voters to believe they can have guns and butter and maybe even a little cream on top. - Leader, New York Times

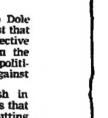
FAMILY OF WOES BILL Clinton and Bob Dole will probably each insist that he would be more protective of families values than the other guy. Is there a politi-cian alive who stands against

Americans are awash in worry about the stresses that contemporary life is putting on families and particularly on children. The divorce rate is the world's highest; nearly half of all new marriages end in divorce. With polls showing that Americans over-whelmingly want government

For 128 years, every individual born within these bor- to strengthen families, there ders has started life as the po exists an unparalleled oppor litical equal of every other tunity for both talk and action. Indeed. victory in child born here that day. It would be destructive and in-November may go to the candidate that best capitalises on credibly vindictive to take that gift from some on the this deep yearning. - Leader. pretext of saving money or discouraging a few desperate Los Angeles Times

serious in the script. For the moment the Republicans and Democrats are not only talking issues but actually taking opposing positions on the

family values?





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Maverick mayor poops party



was offered and rejected a humble slot. He, too, was once a rival to Bob Dole. Looking like a winner, by contrast, is millionaire Steve Forbes. Grimme his

The Guardian Tuesday August 13 1996

little lift

Running mate Jack Kemp has raised Republican spirits and Dole's ratings, says Martin Walker, but they have a long way to go yet to challenge Clinton

THE Republican Party con-vention opened in San Diego yesterday with an overdue display of unity, and suddenly buoyed by opinion polls abortion pro-choice wing suggesting that the ticket of agreed to rally behind the Bob Dole and Jack Kemp has already cut back President feared the impact of a Clinton Clinton's lead to single landslide upon Republican figures. "This convention is in

better heart and better spirits than anyone could have believed possible even a week ago," said party chairman Haley Barbour. "We have a winning ticket, we have the winning message of tax cuts, and everyone knows we have tax cuts instead. the better man.'

Everything began to fall Pat Buchanan announced into place over the weekend, "the temporary truce of San as the rightwingers and the Diego", and called on his sup-Republican moderates in the porters to put aside any dreams of a third party, and rally behind the effort to defeat Presdent Clinton. "America does not need a third party. It needs a fighting second party that means what senators, congressmen and state office-holders. it says and says what it means," Mr Buchanan told a rally of his supporters. But the tensions within the party continued, as the right-Accordingly, New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman, the party's leading woman spokesman for abortion rights, agreed in her

wing and religious groups opening speech last night to avoid the issue and focus on Christian Coalition leader, ax cuts instead. Ralph Reed, who formally The populist rightwinger endorsed the Dole-Kemp

this week's convention em-bodied "the largest number of brought me into in". religious conservative dele-gates at a nominating conference of a major political party in the modern American political period. The evangelical vote is now the base of the Republican Party, and the Roman Catholic vote is now the swing vote in American politics."

The truce was also being hailed as a last political vic-tory for Ronald Reagan, suffering from Alzheimer's dis-ease and absent from the ease and absent from the convention. But his wife, Nancy, appeared to introduce a highly emotional video trib-ule to the Reagan legacy last night. And retired general Colin Powell, who served as President Reagan's national security adviser, hailed Reagan as "the man who won

ticket yesterday, boasted that | the cold war, built the mod- | base, and began the process of persuading swing voters to take a second look at Mr Dole.

Former president George Bush also spoke last night, to Former president George Bush also spoke last night to hail his old rival for the presi-dency as "my old friend and comrade in arms, Bob Dole". In the first full woll the solution of the opinion school in September and their parents finally start thinking In the first full poll taken about the election," Mr John since Jack Kemp was picked as vice-presidential candi-Sumunu, former White House chief of staff to President date, the CNN found the Clin-Bush said yesterday. "What is ton lead down from 20 to nine

happening now is about restoring morale." points in a three-way race. But little of the eight-point There is a predictable bounce in the opinion polls rise in the Republican ratings came from Mr Clinton. Most came from Mr Clinton. Most of the improved showing media suddenly focus incame from former Ross Perot supporters, as his rating dropped from 12 to six points. A USA Today poll, which had shown a Clinton lead of the polls with President Reagan, who went on to win by a landslide. 58 to 35 last week, was down to 53-44 by Saturday, as the selection of Jack Kemp finally

energised the Republican Laader comment, page 8

BICKERING BUDDIES

pregnant women from sneak-ing across the border so that their children can be guaran-**EVERYONE** knows Bob Dole is going to lunge for Jack teed a better life. Thoughtful Kemp's throat. The only ques-Republicans should be morti-fied by this language and tion is whether it will take weeks, days or hours. make every effort to have it removed from the platform. -- Leader, Washington Post

"These guys have been fire and ice forever," says Ed Rol-lins. Kemp's adviser in the 1988 presidential race. "They've fought like cats and dogs in the past," agrees Bill Bennett, Kemp's mentor.

THE stage for the convention could not be more set if they had glued the folding chairs Jack Kemp is a sweet guy. But you couldn't imagine to the floor. Dress codes have been issued, speeches choreomore excruciating company for poor Bob Dole. He will be graphed. The overall goal will be a sort of reverse Olympics a constant irritant, nipping at broadcast - a live event that Mr Dole's heels, getting on his looks as if it were on tape. This convention was delast nerve, pratiling on about the gold standard, flat taxes, von Hayek and Malthusian

identified with a party that wants to deny US citizinship to the offspring of illegal immigrants could prove par-ticularly damaging.

Mayor Giuliani is not the only Republican blg-hitter

who will not be on show in San Diego. Los Angeles mayor, Richard Riordan, him-self seeking to forge an independent image, will stay away too, while several prom-

inent governors, such as Wil-liam Weld of Massachusetts

and Pete Wilson of California,

have been denied speaking

signed to be less spontaneous than a Kabuki play, but sudtheory. - Maureen Dowd/ New York Times denly there is a new wrinkle

Democrat saturation advertising wins strike first in TV 'air war'

Martin Walker In San Diego

IS campaign war chest exhausted by the end of March after the long primary battles, Bob Dole gets a massive cash injection of \$72 mil-lion this week, his share of the federal election funds which can microsoft which are released once he is the formal nominee.

That means that finally. Mr Dole can begin what his strategists call "the air war", the TV advertising campaign which has hith-erto been dominated by President Clinton who had no primary opposition to drain his finances.

plained Indiana congress-man Mark Souder. "Where is the Republican cavalry?" demanded Ohio congress-man Robert Ney. "We're Since March, the Clinton-Gore campaign has spent \$18 million on TV ads, and their allies on the Democratic National Committee have spent another \$30 milgetting killed out here." The mystery has been the lack of TV ads from the lion hammering away at the Republicans. The trade Republican National Com-mittee, which is unre-strained by the campaign unions have raised another \$35 million that will be spent attacking the Repubfinance rules and the

In the 10 days leading up spending limits they im-to this week's Republican posed on the Dole cam-

convention, the Democrats | paign. RNC chairman Ha- | be proved right, but I'm have aired over 100 TV ads | ley Barbour has raised | afraid we have lost some huge sums. In July alone, in the San Diego area, and the RNC raised \$23 million, another 500 in the rest of California, an air war that has left Republican con-gressmen clamouring for the counter-attack that Mr Dole can at last afford to begin. "If we are the party of the rich, why do they seem to have all the money?" com-

Beleaguered Republican strategists are summoning up the spirit of the Scottish hero William 'Braveheart' Wallace

October.

swing voters whose minds are made up." Haley Barbour's team say they are following the Braveheart In the first six months of strategy, after the Mel Gib-this year, Mr Barbour son film of the Scottish hero, who told his troops to hold and hold and hold until the decisive moment. The bottom line is that the airwayes will be saturated in the two months before November 5 with an unprecdented splurge of TV ads from the Republicans, and from the well-heeled Clinton campaign. And there may be one other entrant with bottom-

less pockets. Down to 6 per cent in the latest opinion polls, the Texas billionaire spent on indirect campaigning, like voter education projects. But Mr Barbour has been sitting on the cash Ross Perot has an ego too big to accept the humilia-tion of a falling too far mountain, waiting for the intense campaigning seashort of the 20 per cent of son of September and the vote he won four years ago. He can afford the \$100 "The feeling at the top million it would take to it was that voting decisions are made in the last 10 back to a re days," says Frank Luniz, polister for Speaker Newt Gingrich. "They may still companies. would take to buy his way back to a respectable showing, in what promises to be a bonanze year for the TV

and gun control.

Alone among New York's Republican heavies, Mr Giu-liani waited until days before E might have been one of the stars of San Diego: a charismatic Republican mayor of an over-whelmingly Democrat city the state's March Republican primary to announce that he who has beaten crime, reformed weffare and slashed would vote for former senator But Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of New York will not

lan Katz on how New York's Rudolph

Giuliani is reveling in playing the wild card

Bob Dole but even then insisted: "Whatever you call this, it is not an endorsement." be speaking at the conven-tion. In fact he won't even be So allenated has Mayor

Giuliani become from his own party establishment that Clinton aides are said to hold there. He wasn't invited. The mayor insists he wouldn't have gone anyway. Whoever cast the first snub, Mayor out hope of securing his en-dorsement before the Novem-ber presidential election. Giuliani's San Diego no-show has added a new layer to the That would not be as far fetched as it might sound. In 1994 Mr Giuliani backed New enigma of one of America's most perverse political fig-ures. Feted by his party when he wrested control of Ameri-York's Democrat governor, Mario Cuomo, against his Republican challenger, George Pataki ca's biggest city three years ago, the pugnacious former

prosecutor is now a Republi-That gamble backfired can in name only, a self-styled maverick whose idea of party disastrously when the Repub-lican outsider won and pro-ceded to ignore the mayor's anxious phone calls for more discipline is turning the music down at midnight. than a week. Mayor Giu-liani's backing of Mr Cuomo Over the last two years he has attacked Republican positions on welfare and immigrais also considered to have cost tion while backing White New York the 1996 Republi-House initiatives on crime can convention.

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Clinton's re-election bid

toe the party line is driven partly by his loathing of Sena-tor Alfonse D'Amato, the irascible boss of New York state's Republican machine and cochairman of Mr Dole's campaign, But his contrariness also makes local political sense,

Registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by five to one in New York and dis-tancing himself from his par-ty's largely unpopular national leadership could help when he comes up for reelection next year.

In a city that has tradition-ally prided itself as the first refuge of the "huddled The mayor's reluctance to masses", being too closely

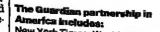


Giuliani: may even endorse

Mr Giuliani bas given conflicting signals over whether he will ultimately come out for Mr Dole. On Sunday he applauded the Republican contender's choice of former American football hero Jack

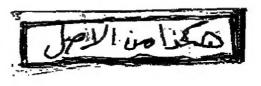
Kemp as his running mate. But he also geofully de-fended his decision to stay home.

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Weapons inspections to resume

Serbs face ultimatum

ulian Borger In Zagreb

OSNIAN Serb leaders romised to end their Defiance over weapons inspections yesterday after Nato began preparations for a potential confrontation, ordering iso-lated units back to base and signed to minimise the risk of

casualties or hostage-taking in the event of hostilities with the Serbs, were part of an op-eration code-named Fear Naught The operation began yesterday afternoon, on the orders of Lieutenant-General

Sir Michael Walker, the com-mander of Nato ground

in't be

forces. It was launched in response to an incident at the Bosnian Serb military headquarters in Han Pijesak, where Serb soldiers prevented Nato troops from inspecting an arms dump in contravention of the

Dayton peace accord. Just over an hour after Fear Naught began, the Bos-nian Serb president, Biljana Playsic promised the site would be opened for inspec-tion. She gave the assurance to Peter Feith, an adviser to the new overall commander of the 50,000-strong I-For acekeeping force, Admiral

loseph Lopez. After the meeting in the Serb stronghold of Pale, Mr Feith told reporters an in-spection would be carried out in the next 48 hours.

The Nato secretary-general, Javier Solana, confirmed the climbdown: "Let me tell you that the most important violation ... as far as Dayton is concerned has been solved," Mr Solana told reporters.

Mrs Plavsic took over the Bosnian Serb leadership in July after Radovan Karadzic, the wartime leader indicted for war crimes, stood down. She said yesterday the Bos-nian Serbs were "fully com-

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nian Serbs were "fully com-mitted to the Dayton agree-ment" and described the crisis as "a small misunderstanding". Nato is aware that Bosnian Serb political leaders have given undertakings in the for bases. I-For patrolling Serb tarritory were withdrawn to base. UN civilian policemen and political officers in the Repub-lika Srpska, the Serb-held half of Bosnia, also left their posts for the protection of I-for bases. past that their military com-mander. General Ratko Miadic, who has been indicted for genocide by the UN, has refused to implement

conditions of our choosing". A Nato officer said yester-day "it looks like at the politi-cal level, they've got the mes-sage". Fear Naught was the first in a series of escalaring responses to military deflance from warring factions in Bos-nia. He said the next phase, in the event of continued defi-ance, would be air-strikes, which would require ap-proval from the North Atlan-tic Council. I-For troops had

Croats restrict **UN** extension

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the site in Han Pijesak, unde conditions of our choosing".

extend its temporary ad-ministration of the coun-try's last Serb enclave by three months only, the state news agency, Hina, reported yesterday, writes Julian Borger in Zagreb. The current mandate of the UN Transitional An-thority in Eastern Slavonia armires on January 15.

expires on January 15.

An agreement signed last November gives the Croatian government and the local Serbs the right to request an extension of up to twelve months before the region is returned to full Croatian sovereignty.

Mr Tudjman gave as his reason the plight of 80,000 Croat refugees expelled from the region.

been on heightened alert since late last week after a bomb threat, reportedly from

"black", the second-highest of four Nato stages. It obliges all soldiers not to travel alone and to wear flak jackets and helmets all the time. Small and isolated detatchments of I-For patrolling Serb territory

haif of Bosnia, also left their posts for the protection of I-For bases. The UN refugee agency, UNHCR, said it would continue to work normally in Republika Srpska. The Interna-tional Red Cross (ICRC) said Major Brett Boudreau, a

THE Croatian president, Franjo Tudjman, will allow the United Nations to extend its temporary ad-1.72

an Islamic group. The current state of alert is

it was also continuing to



WORLD NEWS 7 TWA inquiry rules out bomb in hold theory

Ian Katz in New York

RASH investigators have all but ruled out the possibility that a homb in the forward cargo hold of TWA Flight 800 caused the explosion that brought down the Boeing 747 last month, killing all 230 on last month, killing all 230 on board.

The investigators, who had considered the hold the most likely site for a bomb, abandoned the theory after search-ers recovered the last of the four cargo containers, none of which showed blast damage. They are now looking at the possibility that a bomb was concealed in a catering trol-ley or carry-on baggage at the front of the aircraft. Meanwhile FBI agents have questioned Hussain Alikada questioned Hussein Mikdad, a Hizbullah bomber held by Israel who lost his legs and an arm and was blinded when a

device he was assembling erploded in a Jerusalem hotel room. The Israeli authorities say Mr Mikdad was recruited and trained by Iran and planmed to

blow up an airliner leaving Is-rael. He is believed to have smuggled the high-powered plastic explosive RDX and other bomb parts through Tel Aviv airport after he arrived on a flight from Zurich on April 4. He is in a critical condition

in hospital

The discovery of the fourth luggage container on Saturday has increased the frustration of the investigators, who have now recovered about half the

wreckage but have yet to find conclusive evidence of what caused the crash on July 17. The front cargo hold was considered the most likely lo-cation of a bomb because it contained all the passenger luggage. An initial blast at the front of the plane is believed to have "identification" the ist he have "decapitated" the jet be-fore the rest of it exploded into

a fireball. But Jim Kallstrom, who is leading the investigation, said the aluminium containers were "basically unremark-able". Attention appears to have turned to the area near the front of the right wing.

According to a source close to the investigation, wreckage from that part shows evidence of "high-energy buiging and bending". That would be con-sistent with a bomb placed in an overhead luggage compartment or catering trolley

nearby. But as hard evidence of a bomb continues to elude them, the investigators are taking more seriously the possibility that the disaster was caused by a mechanical failure.

One theory is that there could have been an explosion in the centre wing fuel tank, a space between the wings con-taining fuel vapour.

EU claims Olympic victory, statistically speaking

Stephen Bates in Brussels

AHITHERTO unsuspected competitor has suddenly breasted the tape and claimed Olympic victory. The Euro-pean Union declared yester-day that it won at Atlanta. Under the headline "EU Up Front" — guaranteed to make a Tory Euro-sceptic choke on his breakfast — the Euro-stat-isticians offered their gloss on

at which its anthem was never played. Brussels only barely man-

aged to keep a straight face as it issued the details from a de-22,78. partment usually more concerned with inflation indexes

35, even Britain's 15, though not Luxembourg's zero, the bureaucrats suggested a whole new reason for European union.

Europe's 229 medals easily exceeded the United States' 101 or the Russian Federa-tion's 63. But the statisticians

went further. Per head of population, apparently, the EU is also up there with the best: the tally isticians offered their gloss on a competition over which the European flag never flew and tion, much better than Russia's 4.27, the USA's 3.84 and China's 0.41. Canada went rather better at 7.43 and Aus-

> The message from Brussels appeared clear: if John Major

tralia waltzed home first with

Nato spokesman in Sarajevo, work as normal, but would said Fear Naught would keep the situation under remain in force "until such review.

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An American engineer repairs a road damaged during three years of fighting near Tuzla. Under Operation Fear Naught, all peacekeepers must wear helmets and flak jackets and not travel alone Photograph ALMERAENAUT

green associations oppos-ing the A75 motorway. "It

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little chance of stopping the project. An often violent

campaign has not delayed the Somport road tunnel

through the Pyrenees and

and cereal production figures. wants sporting succes Aided by 65 medals from should sign up immediately PHOTOGRAPH ALMERARMAUT Germany, France's 37, Italy's for further European union.

Foster's bridge soars into trouble



News in brief

in Colombia

Gunmen killed seven peas-

ants in Narino province, Co-

lombia - a region rocked by

protests against the govern-ment's chemical spraying of

illicit drug crops - the au-thorities said on Sunday.

day protest. - Reuter.

Meanwhile peasants in

drawn the wrath of French greens and



A British design has | Louis Valès of the group of

in south-west France have angered environmentalists The bridge will improve access to one of the quietest and upset French bridge-builders, who have criti-cised the appointment of a British architect, Sir Norcorners of rural France, which suffers from popula-tion drift and lack of Without strong political support there seems to be

man Foster. The spectacular bridge, as long as the Champs Ely-sées, will link the Causse Rouge plateau near Millan to a legendary environmental battlefield, the Larzac plateau, and enable the 212-mile Clermont-Ferrand to

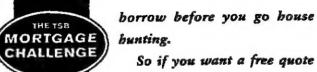
an expressway from Pau that threatens unique Béziers motorway to be completed in 2001. About 25 miles of toll road remain wildlife French officials have ruled out a rethink after holding an open competito be built. tion in which foar French architects competed against Sir Norman, de-Conservationists who 20 years ago won an epic 10-year campaign to save the signer of Stansted airport. His cable-stayed suspen-sion bridge with seven sup-porting pillars was consid-ered the most likely to resist the strong winds bleak Larzac plateau from becoming a military proving ground believe the mile-and-a-half viaduct, mile-and-z-half visitiet, with pylons higher than the Riffel Tower, will disfigure one of the most beautiful sites in the country. "The motorway could have been resited to the west, which would have and the most for a such along the valley. It was also the cheapest at an esti-

mated £170 million. But the defeated bidders doubt both the plan's ses-thetics and Sir Norman's avoided the need for a such a big bridge and would estimates.Rival estimates have added only five kilo-metres to the journey,' said high as £400 million.

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Test ban threat

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Norwegians who were trying to row across the North Sea. They have not been beard from since Wednesday, when they set off for the Shetland Islands - AP.

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Stop the freak show

Fertility issues deserve an informed debate

THE UNFOLDING saga of Mandy All- | doctors in an enormous variety of mediwood reflects to no one's advantage. First, we have the unedifying spectacle of a woman hawking the contents of her womb in Max Clifford's "marketplace." Her reasoning includes ludicrous statements such as wanting "nature to take its course" (after injections of powerful fertility drugs) as she rejects medical advice that unless she reduces the number of foetuses, she runs a high risk of losing all of them and her own life. Remember, she already has one fiveyear-old child who needs its mother. This is an absurd and irresponsible distortion of a woman's right to choose. The second absurdity is that of the

pressure group, Life, supporting Ms Allwood because their absolutist respect for the sacredness of human life is such that they are prepared to run the risk of eight dead foetuses and a dead mother. Thirdly, add to this circus the ghoulish News of the World and Max Clifford with their "sliding scale" fee to Mis Allwood for the number of babies she manages to produce. A plague on all their houses.

What is serious is that for the second time in two weeks the enormously complex and difficult questions surrounding fertility treatment have been reduced to the level of a freak show. Last week, Professor Nicolaides, the head of foetal medicine at King's College, London, and the consultant in the Allwood case pleaded in the Guardian for an intelligent, informed, dispassionate debate. He said he and his colleagues were "daily tortured" by the ethical dilemmas which advances in fertility technology were throwing up. He wants society to participate and contribute as to how these dilemmas should be resolved. What he gets instead is a emotive accusations of doctors "playing God". (If that means they have decisions over life and death, that is exactly the judgment we expect of horses through them?

cal circumstances.) The medical details with which we

have been provided in Ms Allwood's case raise important questions. Why did a woman who has had a child, an abortion and a miscarriage in six years need powerful fertility drugs? Should a woman be given such drugs without the involvement of her partner? Infertility pressure groups rightly point out that the impression of "off-the-shelf" fertility treatment is misleading. Thousands of couples are disappointed every year because of restrictions on funding, availability and questions of suitabil-ity. As the rate of infertility rises — one in six couples now need medical treat-ment to have a child — the real issue is how to increase the availability of fertility treatment.

But the Allwood case appears to raise one area of genuine concern. Strict guidelines on counselling, and investigation into the circumstances of the future parents is part of standard proce-dure of *in-vitro* fertilisation (IVF) clinune of *m-ouro* termisation (IVF) chil-ics which are tightly regulated by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA). So it should be with all fertility drugs. Even clomythene, which can be routinely prescribed by a GP, can be powerful enough to produce triplets or quads. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists have guidelines for the use of fertility drugs including metrodin, which can only be prescribed in specialist hospital units. They emphasise the importance of the welfare of any future child and any existing children, and for the need for couples to be counselled as to the risks of multiple pregnancies. There are still too many multiple births, and many of them are attributed to fertility drugs. The question is: how closely are these guidelines being followed? And has Mandy Allwood driven a coach and

A case for marriage guidance

Mr Dole has his work cut out keeping his new mate in check

WHEN A CANDIDATE for the US presi- more liberal view. It is that the more dential election has lagged as far beconservative Mr Dole finds himself runhind as Bob Dole, he has to resort to ning a campaign which, to potential desperate measures - like being hon- voters, looks even further to the right est. Asked what impelled him to make by many degrees. Mr Dole insists he the 11th-hour choice of Jack Kemp as | has not had time to read the convention his running mate, he replied with one platform, but it is still there with its call word: "Winning!" It is a sign of Mr for a constitutional amendment ban-Dole's troubles that the choice of a ning abortion and its tough language on potential vice-president - a position immigration. It is more than a shade traditionally not worth that famous humiliating to have to welcome the offer of a truce from Pat Buchanan. bucket of warm spit - has acquired such importance in the run-up to this Attempts to patch in a few moderate week's convention. speakers to the convention are offset by At the least, Mr Kemp has given the the manner in which two influential US media something to tug and tease state governors have been warned off speaking in favour of abortion. Much into shape. He is nothing if not a communicator, though not of the most hangs here on the success of last night's disciplined kind, and he is never short speech by Colin Powell but he is not, of a word, though sometimes too long though Mr Dole might wish he were. on them. There could be a real problem the vice-presidential candidate. Mr that he may show up Mr Dole's own Kemp is less of a moderate than he will rhetorical deficiencies and lack of voter now be portrayed; he has been deappeal. It may also be hard to avoid the scribed as an arch-conservative who makes conservatives uneasy. But he exposure of discrepancies on policy. however firmly Mr Dole has already does call for the empowerment of the poor (through the marketplace), does lectured him on the need to remember not slam the unions or denounce affirthat he is only No 2. Yet if he succeeds, mative action, and is opposed to cutting he should go further than his boss in fulfilling the promise to take the Repubdown government services for immilican campaign "to every community grants. In style as well as policy, he can also speak — unlike Mr Dole — to, rather than through, people. and every neighbourhood. Choosing a running mate who speaks on another wavelength is no novelty; Mr Dole has called for an Olympic campaign and says he is going for gold. The polls can now be expected to show Mr Dole's motive for doing so is transparent too. It is not so much that the two candidates differ on a range of some improvement in the warm glow of issues where Mr Kemp takes a some-what (although not always consistently) win a few medals, but will it be enough?

as to verge on lunacy, we have it in Mandy Allwood's attempts to capitalise on her bizarre situation by seeking a nancy as a meal ticket. If infertility treatments in their current state of imper-11 million sponsorship deal (Fury at 8-baby birth bonus, fection are to be permitted at

August 12). The fact that medicine has "advanced" to a point where this could happen, without envisaging the consequences and without any public outcry; the fact that it can be reported quite matter-of-factly without any apparent dis-quiet, shows how imperceptibly we are sliding towards

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barbarity. In a world claiming to be even half-civilised, an injunction would restrain this indefensible exploitation of a freakish and potentially tragic situation, which is akin to exhibiting a two-headed man in a cage for a circus audience to gawp at. But, of course, this is just the beginning. If there's money to be made, people will be queueing to get in on the act. What price a black market in frozen embryos? Eileen Noakes.

Lower Warren Rosd. Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7.

N supporting Mandy All-wood's decision to risk her MOTHER own life along with those of all her embryos, rather than consent to a selective reduction. the so-called "pro-life" lobby exposes the inhumane and ir-rational fundamentalism of its position. For a truly corrupt estimation of the meaning and value of life, children and parent-hood, we need look no further

who, disregarding medical advice, attempt cynically to ex-ploit a doomed multiple preg-

all — a question which recent events should re-open — they should be administered for the

benefit of those who could otherwise never become parents at all, and not to abet serial parenting by people who already have children by other partners. Root Cartwright.

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HILE the Government pushes the free-market ethos in every sphere (except Parliament), its MPs rush to condemn Mandy Allwood for in setting what they preach in setting up her own nice lit-tile earner. Are they unable to comprehend cause and effect? David Lewin. Clive Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4.

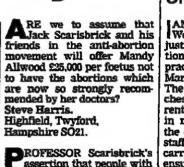


MAX CLIFFORD'S CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

Warrington. Cheshire TAKE exception to the view of Jack Scarisbrick of Life (Interview, August 10) as I recover from my abortion

which was carred out last Friday. My foetus was 13 weeks old and suffered form a fatal condition known as Turner's syndrome. She would have been unable to live outside the womb due to a cystic hygroma and other severe abnormali-ties. She would also have been

unable to reach full term. To expect a women to wait for her baby to die when there is no possibility of her living is simply inhumane. I chal-lenge Jack Scarisbrick to justify my not having an Name and address supplied.



assertion that people with Down's syndrome "bring out the best in people" patronises people with Down's syndrome by stereotyping them as un-able to share the same range of emotions and behaviours, positive or negative, as other individuals. It denies the experience of parents and carers who cope with the sometimes extremely challenging behaviour of some people with Down's syndrome, and it also misinforms parents going through the process of antenatal investigations and care. (Dr) Dominic Casey.

Southampton SO18. WHATEVER happened to a woman's right to choose? How has what goes on inside a woman's womb be-come such public property? What right do (male) commentators have to dictate what should happen to a woman's body, a woman's fertility?

The pro-life lobby should get their priorities right. Rather

The jury is out on Lord Woolf

AM writing following Lord Woolf's plan to improve civil justice (Civil law "revolu-tion" plans, July 27). I have practised as a solicitor in Manchester for many years. The administration of Man-chester County Court is currently so overstretched that in my last two cases before the court, the administrative staff have been unable to

carry out the simple task of ensuring that all the case papers were in front of the judge hearing the case. In each case, delay and expense was caused to all parties. If a court currently cannot carry out a simple filing task properly, it is frankly ludi-crous to suggest, as Lord Woolf does, that such courts without extra resources can transform into efficient, quick case managers of civil ustice D S Johnston

10 Parsonage Road Manchester M20 4PQ.

YOU highlight the problems discovered by the National Audit Office in the administration of legal aid (Millions in legal aid paid in error, August 1). The NAO recommended that operational guidance be improved and that training provision be reviewed. In contrast to these recommendations, the Gov-

removing the protection now

afforded to training budgets.

Senior managers have al-

ready identified this as an op-

ernment currently proposes to put all training in magis-

New danger: gutter politics

The Tory's latest attack on Tony Blair marks a low point

WITH their new poster featuring Tony | this is not an attempt to demonise Mr Blair with wild demonic eyes, the Con- Blair. If that is not the motive, then we servatives have marked a low-point in British electioneering. There has never been a more vacuous, crude or desperate campaign - and political campaigning has a pretty squalid history. Per-sonal attacks on Neil Kinnock were bad enough, and the reflections of a former Tory director of research on how well the "race card" played in the 1992 election outraged many. Of course, the Labour Party is not entirely blameless, but this ridiculous campaign - Tony Blair as the devil with conjunctivitis sets a new, low benchmark.

Responsibility must rest with Brian Mawhinney. Up until now his record as | nate this ugly - and ludicrous - attack party chairman has been characterised on the Labour leader, in his own interby a stream of gaffes, from the amusing ests if nothing else. If he fails to do so to the distinctly unpleasant. This time he has gone even beyond his previous standards. Dr Mawhinney reacts to crit- lever politics right down into the icism of the campaign by claiming that | gutter.

can only conclude it is the product of wild panic. Michael Portillo's attempt to link the campaign to a Fabian Society pamphlet (not a Labour Party policy document) on the royal family only heightens the sense of desperation. Labour must actually be rather pleased; the Tories have suceeded in distracting attention from Clare Short's hurt feelings and in reinforcing the shabby air that surrounds their own party.

In the wake of John Smith's death, all the party leaders spoke of the need for more mature politics. John Major should insist that Central Office termithe real "new danger" is that, long before the election, a ratchet effect will

Uncivil service

ORD Mackay of Ardbreck nish suggests (Letters, August 6) that the only deciding factor on decisions of whether or not to privatise civil-service functions or as-sets is "whether that transfer increases value for money for the taxpayer". How he can seriously suggest this only days after the Efficiency Unit's review of the Competing For Quality (market-test ing) programme was made public is beyond comprehension.

This report, held back for almost a year, and discreetly pushed under the door of Parliament after MPs had gone home for the summer recess, some of the Conservatives' other clothes and propose the proves that the Government's "value-for-money" mantra is no more than a fig leaf to hide an ill-conceived dogma that privatisation should be pursued regardless of cost to the tax-paying pub-lic. Among the findings:

•Taxpayers are shouldering a 290 million bill each year for "process costs" such as external consultancy fees and contract management. CFQ reviews won by civil servants generated greater efficiency and more savings than those won by private contractors (22 per cent to 16 per cent). Services carried out by private contractors are invari-ably subject to "significant" costs "associated with un-duly bureaucratic interface World Service. duly pureaucratic internet between users and suppliers". CFQ reviews of services with a value under \$500,000 (almost half of all market-testing/contracting-out projects) should never have been car-ried out because the cost of tendering was either equal to, or exceeded, any savings an-ticipated by the Government.

In the light of this report, I can see no evidence to support Lord Mackey's value formoney argument. Barry Reamsbottom General Secretary. The Civil and Public Services Association. 160 Falcon Road, London SW11 2LN.



New words, old music

HERE is an essential con-tradiction in New the exception of the private the exception of the private quarters for the royal family. The Government could hold a golden share to prevent for-Labour's position on the monarchy, and the other laudable ideas proposed by the Fabian Society for an overhaul of our democracy (Don't save the Queen, Blair urged, Angust 12). New Labour wants to eign ownership, and a special provision could be made to prevent death duties being a burden on the succession. sound radical to its activists, while conservative, with a small "c", to middle England. This would be the most popular privatisation ever

This leads to policies like a partial reform of the House of (Cllr) Kevin Peters. 56 Gains Road. Lords, which falls somewhat Southsea, Portsmouth, short of an elected second Hants P04 OPL chamber, and would instead

THE major controversy of the Fabian Society's pro-posals is not the future of the vest even more power of pat-ronage in the hands of a prime minister. New Labour ought to steal royal family but the threat of Andrew Lloyd Webber composing the national anthem. privatisation of the monar-Andrew Procter. chy. Buckingham Palace and 20 Valnay Street, Windsor Castle could make London SW17 8PT.

This is (still) London calling

As A British Project Trust out between school and uni-World Service report by versity in Namibia, I have Simon Winchester on the world's heaviest rainfall in Cherrapunji, in north-east In-dia's Meghalaya state. As a found my short-wave radio to have been an invaluable in-vestment, and find myself always tuning to the BBC World Service. What distress rare western traveller to the to me and a lot more to the district commissioner in the state capital, who faxed to ask me, therefore, are the reports I hear — though rarely through the BBC itself — of the "rationalisation" of the World Semine

if I had heard it. The same applies in count-less other countries, be it the I cannot speak of the mo-tives or detailed plans, but I Iranian I met at Friday praydefinitely can report on the receiving end. Here in south-ern Africa, the World Service ers, or the Russian in Moecow who tuned in illegally to hear the truth. Ask anyone from is listened to, and trusted, as

Rangoon to Bulawayo. the most sacrosanct of news Bush House is a beacon of providers. It is the best adversanity in the world. It would tising Britain has got, reach-ing millions and serving whole strata of the populabe a shame to change a system run by people who live in this country but whose spirits are more often abroad. Has tion. If this were to be scaled down, to lose its local insight, the BBC asked any listeners it wouldn't be a few ex-pats overseas how much they care about a local road accident, a who would suffer, it would truly be the world. royal rumpus or a UK weather report? Roman Rollnick Lüderitz Maritime Centre, The European, 200 Grays Inn Road

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an whip up a storm over the [trates' courts at risk by abortion of one foetus, they should campaign for a more equal society in which all children have a chance to grow up without poverty. L Smith.

Portland Avenue, London N16.

Hot on water

WHAT business is the speed limit on Winder-mere of the Secretary of State for the Environment (Letters, August 12)? Why can't this be decided by the relevant local body? This episode shows just how centralist we are in this country. Robin Wendt

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MANY walkers visit the upland fells of the Lake District. No doubt John Gummer thinks they come to enlow flying military aircraft. Peter Durrans. 25 Swain Road, Thornton Heath Surrey CR7 7AP.

A Country Diary

afforded insights into more than lize, tone, colour and brushwork. I was lost in the lanes that plunge confusingly between high banks around South Tawton and South Zeal. My early morning walk had already overrun breakfast time when a shiny BMW accelerated past me as I flagged it down. I knocked apologetically on a cottage door to ask the way. The man of the house put his shirt on, started up the car, and drove me home. On the bleaker heights, granite spines like the Balstone ridge are silhouetted against the sky. There are ancient stonecircles like Scorhill (pronounced Scorell) that hint at the time when this wilderness - one of the earliest uplands to have been cleared of trees by man to provide grazing -was populous and busy. There

the granting of legal aid will introduce a financial interest which does not currently exist, and cause delay and confusion in the courts. Legal-aid administration must remain in the magis-trates' courts if the interests of justice are to be served. The real problems to be resolved are those of staffing levels and training which have been undermined by cash-limited budgets. Rosie Eagleson. General Secretary

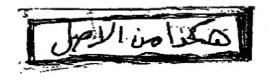
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...... DARTMOOR: A painting week | wards. Lower down they ripple, or sometimes roar, through wooded hollows with stout; stone, hump-backed bridges just wide enough for one vehicle — if pedestrians back into the triangular passing beys. Near Chagford, Cas-tle Drogo, finished in 1930, stares blankly out from its hillside, an extraordinary monument to a director of the Home and Colonial Stores, who quickly amassed from the grocery business a fortune that enabled him to engage Sir Edwin Lutyens and create an ersaiz ancestral fortress that dominates the peaceful valley. A "dowser" talked of how swallows, salmon, and the "elvers" that travel between Somerset and the Sargasso Sea, unerringly find their way. He showed how his rods divine energy lines and indi-cate how the stone-circles was populous and ousy. There are scattered groups of ponies and straggling sheep, a few marshy hollows, and glisten-ing traces here and there of the bartonings of the five riv. the beginnings of the five riv-ers — Tavy, Taw, Teign, Dart and Plym — that rise close together and radiate out-

JOHN VALLINS



Toby Harris.

Namibia.

The Buchter News,

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portunity to plunder training budgets to mitigate the effects of overall cuts in court's budgets. Equally, the longer-term proposals to make solicitors responsible for decisions on

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and the stands was

Diary

GREAT philanthro-pist strides forward to inject life into Bolmondely Relief. Having passed our plea for help to his master, John Fraser, MA (Oxon), MPhil, faxes a reply. "Mr Winner was sad-dened to hear of the plight of Peter and Virginia Bot-tomley," writes Mr Fraser, adding that Michael has met them before. "Naturally he would wish to spring to the support of his friends, and he is sending you, by courier, a number of shirts which he is sadly too fat to wear any more You will note they are from very famous makers." They have just arrived: one, in blue and white stripes, bears the name Francesco of London; the other, a grey and cream affair, is from Rex of the Beverley Hills Hotel. Wow. Beverley Hills Hotel. Wow. Passing aside a note sug-gesting they are "far too good for an MP" and that I should wear them myself — a notion worth bearing in mind for the fancy-dress season ahead — and ignor-ing the fact that we requested a pair of Mi-chael's jumbo knickers (a makeshift tent for the Bol-mondley's lale of Wirb t mondley's Isle of Wight camping trip), we are ex-tremely grateful. Would that others were as gener ous as Michael, the Lord Shaftesbury of our age.

HE recent star of Channel 4's If 1 Were Prime Minister, the alternative premier show, Mad Frankie Fraser, has nsored. "They did draw the line at a couple of things, yes," admits the retired gangster. "I wanted Charlie Richardson as **Chancellor and Reggie** Kray as Home Secretary." But why? "Well," says Frank, 'we'd have all got a few quid with Charlie as Chancellor, I can tell you. None of us would have been skint. And Reggie would've been a terrific Home Secre-tary. The first thing he'd have done is release himself . . . and you can't blame him for that. can you?"

N the Daily Mail, sane and rational Paul Johnsop has a brainwave. In another carefully considered piece. Paul says that it is time to colonise outer space as a home for earthling immigrants. This is inevitable, he says, and will come sooner than you may think. "I, alas. will not live to see it," says Mr Tony Blair's spiritual guide, "but my children may and my grandchildren certainly will." Anyone tempted to dismiss this as the rantings



Commentary Geoff

Mulgan

OT long ago a busi-nessman in the com-puter industry coined a phrase that could stand as a maxim for the late 1990s. "Only the paranoid sur-vive," he warned, meaning that only the most anxious businesses would escape being crushed or swallowed by their competitors. It's a comment that fits well with this summer's mood of anxi-ety and risk. At home, the Tories have all but given up

on feelgood, guming instead for the paranoid stridency of "new Labour, new danger". Across Europe, the press is awash with the dangers of cetting skin comer form sim. getting skin cancer from sungetting skin cancer from sin-bathing, dying from a liking for *boeuf bourguignon* or lamb kebab, or being blown up by crazed militia-men in America. Across the world, cinema audiences are being gripped by the sight of aliens

turning cities to dust. A good decade after they first took the issue on, aca-

demic sociologists are now finding an eager audience for their claim that ours is an era beset by risk — whether it comes from BSE or Aids, downsizing corporations or dodgy nuclear-power stations in Bulgaria. It matters a lot whether they are right. And it matters just as much whether or not anything can be done about beef was beef. Today we assume that life

it. Yet the first thing that strikes you about the current vogue for risk is that is runs vogue for risk is that is runs so starkly against the facts. The simplest way to gauge the riskiness of life is to see how easily people die. By this mea-sure, the facts are clear: in most western societies longevity is still rising, and in-deed, far from levelling off, it is now increasing fastest in the countries where it is already highest. This shouldn't be all that surprising. The objective risks faced by the typical Brit-ish citizen are not great by any historical standard There is no threat of immi-

taks than to create them. people aren't saving anything This doesn't mean that like enough for retirements risks than to create the

you're a celebrity, you can in-sure your hands or your face yourself against a Labour government.

nent invasion or civil war. Despite the attention paid by the media to individual murders, the rate remains mini-mal. Traffic accidents are low and falling. In most areas of life, scientific knowledge is still far more likely to prevent

people aren't facing genuine, which may now account for and new, insecurities. But it as much as a third of their

hard to turn insurance into a good commercial proposition. This is the nub of the probdoes suggest that the current lem. Faced with a sense that there is an escalating number ssion with risk may have less to do with an objective of risks, people not unnatu-raily respond by spending ever more on insuring long-term rise in dangers, and more to do with the fact that we compare the present with that fairly brief period be-tween around 1950 and 1970 hemselves. They want to feel in conwhen jobs were secure, scien-tists were trustworthy and trol, with a piece of paper stashed away that will insu-

work.

late them from disaster. But as so many of the risks are unknowable, or inescapably should be controllable and predictable. We assume that where there's a risk, there should also be an insurance policy to protect us from it. Keeping focused

Today, you can insure your on the dark things mortgage against unemploy-ment, your income against de-bilitating disease, and, if in life meant you were better

st a disfiguring acci prepared when a dent. I'm sure that if you were so inclined, you could insure bear lunged at you

collective, insurance can never quite deliver the secu-No wonder, perhaps, that consumer spending on insur-ance in all its forms has roughly doubled since the end rity it promises. There's an obvious political

conclusion to be drawn: isn't of the 1980s, and that forecast this what governments are for? Don't we elect them to protect us from weird mutant diseases, or from the danger that our life savings will suders expect it to rise another 50 per cent by the end of the de-cade. No wonder, too, that some politicians, and the policy wonks at the Treasury, see more insurance as the denly be blown away by a de-luded trader in Singapore? answer to the fact that most The simple answer is yes. But ironically, governments are doing their level best to run which may now account for

Hugo Young is away away from their role as

mere cannon-fodder - with too big a stake in protecting their drug rackets and money aundering and cigarette muggling and property speculation and copyright piracy to risk the re-ordering of

Even if the president were a things that reunification jogging. tennis-playing. mucslicating tectotaller half his age, the question of Rus-sia's chain of command, of where the buck stops, the question of responsibility, would remain. Even if it were somebow known that Mr Yeltsin was incapacitated, and that a second figure — prime minister Victor Chernomyrdin, for example — was actu-ally running the country, it would not solve this question. For today's Kremlin intrigues are not simply a struggle for power: they are a struggle to define what form power in Russia should take.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9 lives, or for the likelihood of much longer periods out of work. guardians. The British gov-ernment wants to shunt the burdens of risk — for **Deadly games**

instance, sick pay — on to em-ployers, while employers want to push it out to their employees, so that individ-uals bear the cost of reces-sions or obsolete skills. Both The problem, though, is that insurance can't reach many of the most important sources of risk. In some cases, it's because people don't want to know. Long-term care is a want to off-load as much as good example - how many people do you know under 40 they can on to the citizen. All across the world a kind of "pass the parcel" is under-way, where it's usually the who are responsibly saving for senility 40 years down the line? In other cases, it's just least powerful who end up shouldering the most risk. Not that this is all bad. Being responsible for yoursel carries its own virtues. It's

right that people should be aware that heavy smoking, bad eating and dangerous driving load costs on to everyone else

I find it hard to mourn the loss of jobs for life (and pre-sumably the afterlife) in insti-tutions like the Church of England and universities. It may be good for us to come to terms with the fact that life is,

by its nature, unpredictable and even dangerous. But things are now out of balance. Back in the dim and distant past, it gave people an advantage to be a bit para-noid. Keeping your mind fo-cused on the dark things in life meant you were more likely to be better prepared when a bear lunged at you. But permanent paranoia isn't a good recipe for happiness. It's not what anyone would willingly choose. And that's why I suspect that before long, politics will return to the task not just of "equip-ping people for change", but also of providing a little bit of protection. It matters little if objectively our lives are safer than ever before. If someone can show us a credible way to stop feeling paranoid, then higher taxes and premiums will be a small price to pay. and the long partition.

line in Cyprus - big people, for whom little hotheads are disabled president — a partial president, who moves in and out of the decision-making process in an unpredictable fashion, and who may for that reason use, or be used by, different political power cen-tres in Moscow at different

would bring. So today and for weeks to come the Greek-Cypriot media will be screaming their out-rage at the brutality of those Turkish Cypriots who on Sunday bludgeoned to death a young Greek protester. He had oined hundreds of others on foot and on motorbikes in preaching the United Nations buffer zone that separates south from north. For the killers of Tassos saac, there is no excuse. Television footage of the murder is said to exist. Other pictures

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on the green line



Leslie Plommer happens, day in, day out. Ah, and then there are the

media. Greek-Cypriot televi-HE MARCHING seasor sion, for instance, the self-same organisation that will be filming and joining in the loud laments at Tassos Isaac's fuin Cyprus is any time, really — any time a suf-ficient number of Greek Cyp-riots or the shadowy political hardliners who manipulate local sentiment decide things meral today, spent Sunday march-day running live scenes from the buffer-zone demonstrations. Betweenhave got a bit too peaceful. For marching is, predomi-nantly, the sport of the southtimes, it filled any gaps with helpful old footage of previous ern majority rather than the island's Turkish north, and the men in the shadows will violent demonstrations, the 1974 invasion of northern Cy-prus by the Turkish army, and even Cypriot attacks on be quietly pleased, even as they weep crocodile tears, that a death and many injuries have resulted from their latest the British in pre-1960 colonial days. Not only was Greek Cy-prus riveted and whipped up, but the live reports enabled organisers using mobile dangerous game this week. The arch-manipulators are

rarely to be found on the frontphones to deploy more demon-strators to trouble spots. lines themselves at the I remember a conversation with an educated and infurimarches they encourage, of course. But they like to have a with an educated and imur-ated woman on her expen-sively dressed way into an evening banquet at the Nico-sia Hilton. This was after one of the Greek-Cypriot women's "peace marches" on the buffer zone — marches whose orga-ninger well knews hold the pomartyr, especially when Washington has been making cheerful election-year noise about its current initiative to It all rings a curiously Irish bell, somehow, not least in the

nisers well knew held the po-tential for death, just as the organisers of this week's profact that there are now too many political and business mafiosi on both sides of the tests knew. Her 13-year-old daughter, she raged, had been struck by Turkish soldiers at one of the flashpoints. I was at that particular vil-

lage, and I too had a young daughter. It was, as I knew it would be, a volatile scene. To have taken a child there would have been an act of lunacy. What can the state of mind of such a mother be?

HIS is not, emphatically, to let leaders of the Turkish-Cypriot minority off the hook over the latest outrage. They occupy a moral low ground only marginally above that of those Greeks who acted first in promoting the weekend's protests. Once it became clear some days be-forehand that the biker demonstrations were taking shape, the Turkish side issued inflammatory warnings - albroadcast on Sunday showed similar scenes in which young men with staves primitively to a dare. Then they mustered tors, some of whom went on to beat a man to death. Yet if anyone can afford to be mature about the division of Cyprus, it is the men in the north. Protected by more than 30.000 mainland Turkish troops, they can rest assured that no amount of Greek marches will topple their little self-styled republic. But, as with the Greek hardliners, it suits their purposes to fan the fire. Both sides of Cyprus con-spired at Tassos Isaac's death. Hell will freeze over before at the invitation of the Greek-Cypriot government, will ever | either side admits its guilt.



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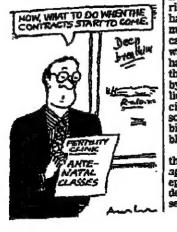
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of the world's least gifted prophet is reminded that, in 1963, it was Paul who predicted that Britain would avoid a sexual revolution.

pended, what better time to garner sympathy for London's Tube drivers? Working conditions have so deteriorated, they claim, that there is not time for a pee when turning trains around, "You pull the front of the train into the tunnel and pee out of the front." says one driver, mo-rosely. "It ain't too clever, this job." For drivers who previously relied on catheters or will power but are inspired by this news, the live rail - that's the bigger one - is best avoided.

VER the gent, Terry Major-Ball rings to say thanks for lunch on Friday at Simpson's-inthe-Strand (smoked-salmon salad, roast lamb and fresh strawberries for Terry). "It was very enjoyable." says Terry, warmly, "and I met a couple of nice people on the way home." But who were they?" This chap selling posters by Charing Cross recognised me, and said he was a loyal supporter of John's. Then, when I was going down Whitehall on a bus, someone tapped me the shoulder and said his friend had bet that I was the Prime Minister's brother." Terry has been clearing his desk. "I've been doing paper-work," he explains. "Isn't it amazing the amount you ac-cumulate?" Indeed it is, and upon this observant note, we say farewell.

HOSE contemplating a life of crime in Somerset - scrumping apples or whatever - are advised to avoid Yeovil. Magistrates there have sent a warrant to Sussex coppers, reports Police magazine, ordering them to arrest a man for failing to pay a fine for non-return of his library book.



Kremlin in chaos

What with power-struggles paralysing Moscow, and Yeltsin semi-detached, it's not surprising that rebels and soldiers alike are still being slaughtered in Chechenia, argues James Meek

HOSE who ask why by the regime's acceptance of Russia has not a free press. Everyone knows resolved the Che- that the government which chen crisis are asking, if not the wrong question, then certainly the question, then certainly the less important one. Why has Britain not resolved the Ulster crisis, Spain the Basque crisis, the UN the division of Cyprus? What marks Chechenia out is not the difficulty of finding

a solution to an ethnic-territo rial-religious dispute which has simmered on and off for more than a century, but the careless, haphazard, deadly way the Russian government way the Aussian government has managed the conflict in the meantime, accompanied by a fantastic combination of lies, hreast-beating self-criticism and utter lack of per-sonal or collective responsi-bility for a tragic sequence of

bloody blunders. Ever since the collapse of made. the Soviet Union, Moscow's approach to Chechenia has epitomised the systemic self-deceit of an insecure regime, a

power of your electorate and a terrible disarray in your sys-

that the government which sent the troops into Chechenia in 1995 was the same govern-ment which left 50 per cent of Sovietera weaponry behind for the separatists when it evacuated its soldiers from the republic in 1992; yet no one has ever been brought to account for this. Almost monthly since the

Russian invasion, the country has heard from its leaders, often from President Boris Yeltsin himself, that aircraft bombing has stopped, that shelling has stopped, that all defence minisiry troops have been withdrawn from the republic, that the last rebel stronghold has fallen, that the puppet government of Doku Zavgayev fully controls Che-

chenia, that peace has been

Sometimes, perhaps, Mr Yeltsin has believed what he approach 10 Checkleina thas been wrong, and has been wrong by situation in Checkenia is per-

the media. To lie to your own people in the hope of not being found out is wrong, but at least understandable. To lie in the almost certain knowledge of being, exposed as a liar bespeaks both a terrible con-tempt for the real democratic power of your electorate and a side, Moscow journalists could get no information out of the bloated press appara-tuses of any of the security ministries. When Alexander Lebed, Mr Yeltsin's new secu-rity overlord, was appointed the president's representative for Chechenia at the weekend, he discovered that the man

tem of governance. Last week's Chechen rebel attack on Grozny may have been a turning point. The contrast between the violent reality of hand-to-hand fighting in the streets of Grozny, with he discovered that the man young Russian soldiers once again being cut to ribbons by who was supposed to be his deputy was on holiday in nimble rebel veterans, and the Cyprus. It would be almost reassur-

languid unconcern of the Mos-cow authorities, was even more so. Mr Yeltsin was tired, ing to blame the crisis of res-ponsibility in Moscow - and Chechenia is only the most unwell and preoccupied with preparations for his inauguration. Defence minister Igor Rodionov and interior minister Angtoly Kulikov, whose troops were being slaughmetabolism does not work at full speed. The man we saw taking the inaugural oath on tered, surrounded, taken pris-Friday was not the decisive, oner and in some cases running out of ammunition, took no particular interest in events in Grozny until the end

of the week. Doku Zavgayev - nicknamed "the air traffic control-ler" because it is unsafe for him to travel anywhere in

Chechenia outside Grozny air-

to anthropomorphise countries - the US is seeking this, Britain wants that - but it is particularly misleading in Russia's case. Even talking about "the Russian government" suggests a degree of coordination which does not exist. The presidential admin-istration and the actual government, the cabinet of ministers, are separate entities. Even though he has the decisive say in appointing them, Mr Yeltsin feels free to criticise ministers as if he did not. Senior government officials themselves make no distinc-tion between personal opinion and agreed policy. Nor is there any stigma in making a forecast as if it were a statement about something which had already happened.

When, days after the presi-dent's re-election, Russian forces began bombarding Che-chen villages with aircraft and artillery again, who author-ised the decision? Which was the more alarming possibility — that the commander in the field, General Vyacheslav Tik-Theid, General Vyachesiav Tra-homirov, began the brutal campaign because he felt it was a good idea, or that a senior figure in Moscow had secretly given him permission?

The current disarray will inevitably change. The only question is how and when. There are encouraging signs a smaller, more disciplined cab-inet this time around, and that the government and the president's administration, run by a man the prime minister has good relations with - Anatoly Chubais, are keen to avoid duplicate posts. The media, parliament — ineffective as it is — and the increasingly pow-erful business sector will all demand greater accountabi-ity from the government, and hat means at least working out common policies.

But that leaves Chechenia, and General Lebed, who far from baulking at this poisoned chalice seems to be embracing it as a chance to build up the presidential security council into yet another alternative centre of power. He admitted yesterday that Gen Tikho-mirov was an old comrade of visible part of the problem — on the president's state of health. He is clearly sick. His it was he who gave the commander permission to begin bombarding again last month. The chronic tendency for the charismatic opportunist of Kremlin to keep generating 1991, or the bustling deep these new power structures, pocketed entertainer of the from the Lebedite security Kremlin to keep generating spring presidential campaign. Yet the walking corpse theory does not stand up. either. Mr Yeltsin has been them clearly-defined powers written off too many times before, only to come back speechifying and policymak-ing. What we have is some their failure, is the single big-gest reason for Russia's inabil-ity to even contain, lat alone and then there are the some thing a lot less clear-cut than a | end, the Chechen conflict.

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visio at oth young men lying curled on the ground. One felt certain that had the assailants pos Rwandan machetes, they would have used them. There is just one way for Turkish Cyprus to do penance: by sen-tencing those who committed the murder to long prison terms. I have not the slightest expectation this will happen. Nor do I believe that those to blame on the Greek side, for breaking into a buffer zone patrolled by UN peacekeepers

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Tadeus Reichstein

Nobel wizard of new medicine

Reichstein, who has died aged 99, was a pioneering organic chemist and 1950 Nobel prize-winner

whose method of synthesising vitumin C is still in wide use but who is best known as the "father" of the anti-inflammatory steroids.

In the thirties, Reichstein extracted the hormone com-plex produced by the adrenal cortex (the supra-adrenal glands) and, through the synthesis of a cortisone like com-pound, provided the first treatment for Addison's dis-treatment for Addison's disreatment for Admisor's dis-ease. Although Reichstein published his preliminary indings in 1935, the complex-ities of the research were such that the work was not completed until 1956. In 1935, Reichstein believed cortisone, Reichstein and the

that the gramme or so of American clinical pharmacolhighly active compound. which he had painstakingly extracted from about a ton of cattle adrenal glands, was a single hormone which he called cortisol. Very quickly, however, his research revealed that the extract was a complex containing the many related but subtly dif-publicised aldosterone ferent hormones now known broadly as the corticoste-

FESSOR Tadeus | different substances produced cortisone was carried out in | rivatives (furans and pyrols) by the mammalian adrenal cortex, many of which have America by H L Sarett, based on Reichstein's work. All three steroids quickly occuvital roles. Some were shown to pos-

pied major niches in sess anti-inflammatory prop-erties while others were found to have specific activi-ties in biological functions ranging from mediating the pharmacology. Reichstein and his collabo-rators were among the first to investigate the biochemical mechanisms which control immune response, the control the production and release of of development of nerves in heart muscle and the determiparticular hormones by the adrenal cortex. It was quickly nation of sex, to the rate of metabolism of sugars. Of realised that the use of anti-inflammatory steroids as drugs resulted in a shut-down of the adrenal cortex and the these vital steroids about 30 disruption of the immune

syste Clinical investigation showed that once drug-in-duced feed-back mechanisms have brought about a reduc-tion or cessation of cortex function, recovery can take place only slowly and, in extreme cases, may not occur at all. Hence the therapeutic need for carefully tapered withdrawal of the anti-inflammatory steroids, over months shown that in addition to coror more, if these have been used at high dose levels, and the need to recognise that these drugs involve long-last-ing inherent risks. Before starting his work on

which controls the salt-water balance of the body. While Reichstein isolated the adrenal cortex, Reichstein focussed on the structure and roids. Over a period of 20 while Reichstein isolated properties of plant glycosides, University. There, as a wiz-and explained the structure of America identified the biolog-ical activity of more than 40 the first partial synthesis of and chicory. These have de-

which, in the twenties, were widely believed to be crucial intermediaries in the synthe-sis of vitamin C in plants. Reichstein investigated this belief, found it to be false but went on to develop a highly efficient route for the synthe-sis of vitamin C which remains in commercial use. Reichstein was born in Reichstein was born in Poland after the worst of the 19th century pogroms in Rus-sia, but his family were over-taken by the wave of antise-mitism which swept across eastern Europe at the turn of the century. In 1905 he fied with his family to Jena and, three years later, moved with them to the security of them to the security of Zurich. He became a natural-

ised Swiss citizen in 1914. A young man of obvious brilliance he graduated in chemistry at Zurich Technical University in 1920, gaining his doctorate two years After a brief spell in industry he returned to Zurich as a lecturer in the new research speciality of physiological chemistry. By 1934, with his ability recognised well be-yond the boundaries of Swit-

zerland, he was offered a titu-lar professorship at Basle



Tadeus Reichstein . . . honoured throughout the world

and Director of the Pharma- i portant developments of our century. Yet he was also a gifted teacher, a linguist, a man with a profound respect ceutical Institute. In the fifties, substantially in his honour, Basle University opened its now famous In-stitute for Organic Chemis-try, of which Reichstein was for natural systems who also possessed an innate passion not only for music, but for all heights of human cultural achievement. Apart from his director until he retired in 1967. He continued to work at Nobel Prize, he was honoured throughout the world, receiv-ing the Royal Society's covthe institute and to head postgraduate research groups, remaining a formal research eted Coplay Medal in 1968. botanist there until he died.

Reichstein possessed a huge grasp of the chemistry of nat-Anthony Tucker ural systems and extraordi-nary powers of analysis and synthesis. His work initiated Protessor Tadeus Relchstein, pharmacologist, born July 20, 1897; died August 1, 1996. and stands astride many im-

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Thomas Mitchell Concrete achievements

90, was an architect-engineer who, in the fifties and sixties, was respon-sible for some of the earliest precast, reinforced-concrete frame buildings in Britain. Among his achievements were the Waring and Gillows depository in wast London.

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were the Waring and Gillows depository in west London, the first multi-storey precast frame in Britain, erected in a mere 14 weeks to the amaze-ment of visiting Russians, and the department of engi-neering at the RAF College, Cranwell, which was then the largest concrete frame in exis-tence in the country.

while giving Mitchell, and the firm which bears his name, a place in the post-war history of British architec ture, these are scarcely recommendations for contem-

porary public opinion, which abhors the systems building used for factories, hospitals, housing and schools. But, if ever there was an example of why it is intellectually disrep-utable to project contampt. utable to project contempo-rary social malaise on to the work of pioneers, Tom Mitch-ell was its personification. Very Scottish, very me-

thodical, he was a born researcher, who, to the end of his life, kept a notebook in which he filed ideas and ob-servations. He had realised early on that he was in a profession on the verge of a para-digm shift, in which new techniques would have huge implications for society. These techniques were intel-lectually exciting since they would revolutionise the build-

would revolutionise the build-ing industry. They were also, of course, the product of their time. They grew out of wartime in-ventiveness with mulberry harbours, bridge caissons and advanced airstrips, in which Mitchell also played a part. As a lieutenant-colonel in the

As a lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Engineers, he was in command of a construction group which, within four days of landing in Normandy, had built an operational air-field for British troops. This may widely mocenized as in was widely recognised as in-strumental in depriving the

Nazis of air supremacy and in saving Allied troops from enemy dive-bombing. When I was brought in the sixtles into the informal ex-tended family that he and his wife Annie built up to compensate for their own lack of children, his intellectual in-terest lay in multi-disciplin-ary professional approaches.

Letter

HOMAS "Tom" Mitch-ell, who has died aged lems of the A25 route back in 90 was an architecten-1963 was a case study of why it was important to integrate road planning with other asroad planning with other as-pects of urban social plan-ning. Mid-sixties' work on a national building found him deeply concerned with the role of local government and health authorities. The seeds of Mitchell's vi-

sion for an era of industrialsion for an era or industrial-ised building, and a simulta-neously changing society. were sown in the twenties. As a student at the Glasgow School of Architecture from 1926-29, he had swept up sev-arel Resurt Arts primes for eral Beaux Arts prizes: for pencil sketches of medieval and early Renaissance buildings throughout Europe, and for essays on such subjects as



Mitchell ... vision for an err

the influence of France on the architecture of 16th-century Scotland. At the same time, he was competing in designs for petrol pumps and qualifying as a structural engineer. In the thirties, he worked on school and airport construction and design, and campaigned as a young Turk within the RIBA. Many of his friends remem-

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ber him, and Annie, for gentler achievements like garden design. But the intellectual rigour was the same. A son of ours on a school exchange which, by chance, placed him with the owners of a famous Florentine villa, found himself being questioned closely on the eighties' disposition of lawns and fountains. Tom had been there sketching in 1928. Out came the notebook to prove it.

Anne Corbett

Thomas Mitchell architect-engli neer, born May 13, 1906; died July 8, 1996.

surprising that many of us find them tiresome at best

and racist at worst. Certainly,

we should be prepared to

laugh at ourselves, but this is

an entirely different thing from laughing at the obtuse-ness of some fictional stereo-

typical dimwit. If offence is

given unwittingly, it is also

pines Construction, 72; Mark

Pyper, headmaster, Gordon-stoun School, 49; Lord Sains-

bury pic, 94; Dr Frederick Sanger OM, CH, biochemist, 78; Alan Shearer, footballer, 26; Charles Shearer, footballer,

given withesely.

E T Mensah A high time for highlife in Ghana

T MENSAH, who has was sent to northern Ghana, died aged 77, was the returning to Accra in 1947 to Ghanaian king of form the original Tempos highlife, Africa's first popular music form. His band with Joe Kelly and Guy Warren.

career stretched from the thirties to the eighties and his influence reached all corners of Africa.

Highlife evolved in Anglo-phone West Africa during the instrumentation, such as amplified guitars. He used a variety of local rhythms, 1920s, when dance bands began to fuse indigenous rhythms and techniques with calypso, jazz and Latin music. As the name implies, main Ghanaian languages, as it was enjoyed by the expand-ing African middle classes, His relaxed style immedi-

In 1948, Mensah formed his own band — still called the Tempos - with a new line-up and revitalised, more modern

Ruth Holland Gifted editor

Ruth Holland who, at the age of 54, was killed in the train crash near Watford Junction last week, spent most of her working life as an editor on the British Medical Journal

Her great ambition, how-ever, had been to be a play-wright. This led her from an English degree at University College, London, through a job stacking shelves in a super-market, to the secretaryship of Hampstead Theatre Club. where she met her future hushand, Derek, in 1967. After their marriage in 1970, while following Derek around Eng-land with his work as a stage director, she wrote several plays which were successfully staged on the repertory

After the birth of their son,

Harry, when Ruth was 40,

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who paid high prices and followed a strict dress code in the dance clubs.

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Born in Accra, Emmanuel Tettey Mensah's talents were nurtured at school by "Teacher" Joe Lamptey, who turned a schoolboy band into the Accra Orchestra in the early thirties. Mensah, who was always known as "ET" joined as a piccolo player, progressed to saxophone, also learned the organ, and later took up the trumpet.

After leaving school, he teamed up with his brother, Yebuah, and the drummer Guy Warren (Kofi Ghanaba) in the Accra Rhythmic Orch estra. "We urgently wanted an indigenous rhythm to replace the fading foreign music of waltz, rumba, etc." recalled Mensah. "We evolved a music relying on basic African rhythms, a criss-cross African cultural sound, so to speak. No one can really lay claim to its creation. It had always been there, entrenched in West African culture. What I did was give highlife world acceptance."

Music was a precarious ocgerian highlife band. cupation, so ET, who had studied pharmacy often fell back on work as a pharma-cist. He qualified in 1943 and musician, saying that he had

78rpm discs for Decca, he was proclaimed the king of highlife. In 1953, the Tempos were Ghana's only fully professional band, a status they maintained with frequent, lucrative Nigerian tours. That year. Mensah also 4. C. made his first solo trip to London, where be performed

ately became popular and when he recorded his first

with many jazz regulars in Soho's African clubs. In 1956, he was invited to

played with him in front of enormous crowds. With Ghana's independence the following year, Mensah briefly had his own club, the Paramount, and the Tempos' West African tour - which included playing for several heads of state — was offi-cially backed by Kwame

Nkrumab's government. Mensah's early popularity was uncontested — there were few other local highlife three-month tour. and his records were well known. In Nigeria, he played at the club of Bobby Benson, who had formed the first Niother forms. Yet having been the musical accompaniment

to the independence era, highlife always had a place in the hearts of West Africans. In 1986, a show was given in Mensah's honour in Nige-By the sixtles, ET was prac-tising pharmacy again, con-tent to be a semi-professional

Mensah (right) in 1937 with J A Mallet in the Accra Rhythmic Orchestra never expected to earn a liv-ing from music. In 1969, howria, and later that year some of his earliest recordings or his earliest recordings were re-released by the Brit-ish label Retroafric. Despite failing health, which meant he could barely walk, ET took the stage again at the Afever, aged 50, he took a new Tempos line-up to Europe for During the seventies and eighties, brassy, dance-band highlife was overtaken by guitar highlife, funk and

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rica Centre, London, following up with a short Dutch tour. His music's revival in television advertising, documen-taries and CD-Rom encyclopedias provided Mensah,

who was virtually house-bound, with a welcome in-

behind it is intriguing, but I

don't see how you can make a living out of it." Guess what Keith, you can't. "Some-

times," be says, "I wonder about what all the people are

doing here. Do they have jobs?" And you Mr Kloor? He

answers with the perfect logic of a lunatic: "I came because it

was raining out." The self-described "oldest living gradu-ate student". 36-year-old David

Varquez, is poring over a guide of Ecuador. He looks smug.

making eye contact, "I have all

I can do to wake up in the morn

ing. I'm off this summer. Loaf-ing? My whole life has been a loaf." When asked how he's fi-

My friend," he begins not

1. 100 . 1 RETROAFR come in his twilight years His contribution to Ghansian and African heritage was never forgotten. In 1989, he was formally honoured by the Ghanaian government for his contribution to the country's culture. He leaves a wife, Beatrice, and 14 children.

stichen. Graeme Ewens Emmanuel Tettey Mensah, musician, born May 31, 1919; died July 19, 1996

their lives changed. Derek gave up work and Ruth, per-haps realising that writing David Davies in his obituary of Peter Dobereiner (August 3) writes sympathetically that Dobereiner "unwittingly fo-mented a furore" in 1988, by including what is usually plays was not going to bring the success she hoped for, put her energies into her career as an editor. She had joined the known as an Irish joke in a piece he wrote for Golf Digest. BMJ as a secretary in 1976 but later became books and media Since all jokes of this kind are editor and set up the journal's weekly opinion columns. She extended paraphrases of the statement "Irish people are quickly developed an enviable rapport with her writers. As one of them, Professor Jim Drife, said, "If Roth liked it, it didn't matter what anyone else Birthdays thought." Her own reviews were among those readers remember best, reflecting her Sheila Armstrong, soprano, John Milne, chairman, McAl-54; Prof Hilde Behrend, econ-pines Construction, 73; Mark omist, 78; Dr Fidel Castro, president of Cuba, 70; Domen-ico Dolos, fashion designer, wide reading, impressive memory and sharp wit. The editor, Richard Smith's widely quoted and fully justi-38; Roy Evans, general secre-tary, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, 65; Kathy widely quoted and fully justi-field description of her as "the most talented writer we have had on the BMJ" would have been mest with a surprised, self-deprecatory laugh and a gentile change of subject. She avoided office meetings wher-ever possible, preferring to discuss things one to one or in

discuss things one to one or in mildly subersive groups in the

Fions Godles Ruth Holland, journalist, born May 8, 1942; died August 9, 1996.

What could possibly go wrong? Well, some psycholo-gists say that humans aren't built to withstand vast stretches of unadulterated baseling on Participation happiness; ex-Eurythmics star Dave Stewart may be a case in point. Dave recently confessed that his life's so antastic that he's developed "paradise syndrome", a con-dition which has him inventing fictitious complaints - h Bangkok he ordered himself :



Skin Two ... slave trade

needless appendectomy as if to atone for too much going his way. Not much sympathy forth-coming for Dave, I fear. Healthy Living. Thanks to Diana Capey.

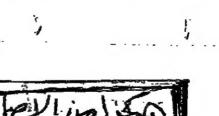
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have them in your dungeon fantasies, be prepared to be exposed to intellectual as well as physical demands. If you're primarily a physical sensetion cocker and the physical sensation seeker, and not likely to get off on constant recitation of mantras about "the purpose of the slave", this might not be your ideal scene. If, however, you could really go for being met off your two-hour train ride up the Hudson by two complete strangers in full perv gear, and being taken blindfolded in the back of the car to an unknown dungeon in the middle of nowhere, this is definitely your holiday. Dinner here comes with a twist as you'll be expected to eat on the floor, face down, hog-tied in 50 feet of rope by oriental bondage expert Sang! Holidays to make you scream with delight in Skin Two.

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Hidden shot

DEAR Gun Tests: Your articles in the January 1996 issue were most timely. The market for compact, conceal able frearms of a serious calibre will continue to grow due to the impact of the federal magazine restrictions and the trend towards more liberalized concealed weapon permit laws. As one wrest-ling with the dilemma of choosing between the reliability and proven stopping power of the 357 Magnum, and the greater fire power of the compact .40 Smith and Wesson (particuarly the Glock 27), it would have been helpful to see a side-by-side

Keep up the good work. Lance A. Ito, Los Angeles. The Judge goes shopping. The let-ter to the editor by Judge Lance A Ito appeared in the April issue of Gun Tests: The Consumer Resource For The Serious Shooter, a newsletter published in Deltona, Florida. Reprinted in Harper's.

Earth bound

CROP circles are not caused by little green men in flying saucers, say Hampshire farmers. So convinced is the county NFU that vandals are responsible for the mysterious shapes that it is offering a £1,000 reward for information which will lead to the capture of those doing the damage. 'We tend more towards the view that that they are man-made," says William White, local NFU spokesman. "As far as we know we are the only county in the country doing this sort of thing and it might lead to the first successful prosecution against a crop-circle vandal."

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comparison: the Glock 27 Farmers who are definitely not compared with the S&W 4013 and the S&W 640-1. taking part in the current revival of speculation of life on other planets. Country Life. Lazy life LISA CHIN is sitting on a

stool at the Starbucks on Columbus Avenue and West

67th street. Ms Chin plays the upright bass and she baby-sits. "I feel like I'm loafing." she admits. "Everything has price to it, and what I do loesn't get me any money. My husband is also a professional loafer. He does or doesn't work on a consulting basis. We're sort of Bohemian by vocation. We try to be happy instead of wealthy. I feel loaf-ing is a very important part of

nancing his pursuits, Mr Var-quez snaps: "I don't care to elaborate how I'm supporting our culture". Seated nearby is Keith Kloor, 33, who says he's in a "transitional phase". As myself. The usual ways." Marianne Vitale is hanging out in the lobby of the Film Forum on West Houston Street he wastes his time sitting in a cafe, he's contemplating the biggest time-waster of all, graduate school. Seems he's also "looking to land posi-tions". He looks up from an article on eco-psychology. "It's in its infant stages," Mr Kloor says in a confidential

at two in the afternoon on a Friday. When she's not hang-ing out at the Film Forum, she's selling tickets at the Film Forum. Right now, she's on her way to the post office. "My auntie sent her leftover cur-rency from Europe," she says, tone of voice. "The philosophy

because I just bought these OB tampons," she explains help-fully. "T ve never used OB before, but I was thinking 'travel and at the drugstore I realized that OB boxes are much smaller, so I better start get-ting used to them now. On the road I don't want the Tampax box with me, because I could bring an extra shirt, if I go with OB I don't have a problem with the applicator thing. You with OB to put it in place."

"and that's where I'm going in two weeks." No! I'm straid to

ask one of my stock questions but duty calls: What are you

doing at this exact moment? "I was beading to the bathroom

George Curley asks "Why aren't you at work?" to the loaf-ers caught loafing in New York this summer. New York Observer.

Painful laugh

IMAGINE your life's so per-fect that you can do anything you want. You have a lovely partner and two children, and you're wealthy and famous enough to indulge every whim of your creativity.

Gale, publisher, the Women's Press. 36; Marie Helvin, mod-el, writer, dep chair Aids Cri-sis Trust, 44; Ben Hogan, golfer, 35; Rod Hull, enter-tainer, 61; Robin Jackman, cricket commentator, 51; Madhur Jaffrey, actress and 25: George Shearing, pianist, 76; Timothy Wood MP, assistant government whip, 56. **Death Notices**

Madhur Jaffrey, actress and cookery writer, 63; Susan Jameson, actress, 53; Susan Jameson, actress, 53; Tony Jarrett, athlete, 28; Sir BRADBURY Ronald, aged 80, on August 1996. Beloved husband of t Ene. A much loved and coring Jarrett, athlete, 28; 311 Thomas Legg, QC, perma-nent secretary, Lord Chancel-lor's department, 61; Bernard Manning, comedian, 65; Sir

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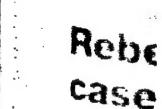
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Manufacturing **prices give Clarke** rate cut scope

Friction with Bank predicted by City and pointed to July's 6.7 per sant Byta





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opposition from the Bank of England were given a fresh boost last night as factory gate price inflation fell to its owest rate for almost 30 There is now heightened speculation in the City that the next meeting between Mr Clarke and Eddie George, the

Bank's Governor, will be a heated one, as it emerged that input prices paid by manufac-turers also fell, suggesting a lack of inflationary pressure

in the pipeline. The core measure of pro-ducer output prices fell by 0.1 per cent last month, taking the annual rate of increase to 1.5 per cent, the lowest rate of growth since 1967.

Headline output inflation, which includes food and pe-troleum prices, was negative in July, for the third month in a row, which brought the annual growth rate down to 2.2 per cent from 2.5 per cent in June, according to the Office for National Statistics.

and pointed to July's 6.7 per cent fall in input prices paid by manufacturers for raw ma-OPES that the Chan-cellor, Kenneth terials as a sign that inflation ary pressure will remain Clarke, will cut in-

benign. Input prices are seen by the authorities as a guide to future output inflation, which would be expected to keep high street price rises down. There is separate evidence today from the British Retail Consortium that consumer

Consortium that consumer spending was restrained in July. The BRC suggests that the Chancellor has room for manoeuvre on interest rates after its monthly sales monitor showed the strong growth of May and June in the likefor-like value of sales slowed in July to 5.4 per cent. The BRC's chief sconomic adviser. Andrew Sentance, said this more moderate ac-tivity in the retail sector

as the markets are concerned. and they have shrugged off the producer prices figures." But, he added: "There is next to no chance of a rise in rates and I think there would be no harm in another 25 basis points cut. The Chancel-

interest rates to head off infla-tionary pressures are premasome evidence that the manu-Although the Bank of Eng-land last week warned

against a further reduction in the base rate, currently until Thursday, when the official Retail Prices Index for July is released, before alter-The Treasury welcomed the 5.75 per cent, suggesting that July is released, before "exceedingly good figures" Mr Clarke would have to ing its view on base rate



should allay fears that con-

sumer spending could be ris-ing too quickly. He said: "Calls for higher

ture, to say the least."

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David Coleman, an economist at CIBC. "The Bank may yet be proved right on a two-year basis, but on a nearer-term view of inflation, Mr Clarke still has the edge." Other analysts pointed out.

however, that the Bank's quarterly inflation report had factored in a temporary easing of price rises. David Bloom, of HSBC James Capel, said: "The Bank specifically warned against using the temporary dip in in-

flation as a rationale for a rate cut while ignoring the forward-looking demand indicators, which are pointing to robust growth in 1997." Julian Jessop, of Nikko, said: "This is old news as far

lor will probably want to see

facturing economy is weak to justify it, though." The City is expected to wait



No room for the inns at Lonrho

Edited by Mark Milner

ONRHO'S flotation of its

hotels business looks shrewdly timed. With the

boom in the worldwide hotels cycle not yet at its peak, Lon-rbo is guaranteed investor in-

terest in the Princess Metro-pole flotation. That in turn is

likely to translate into a price

some way ahead of what the

manded a year or so ago.

issues market

group completely

another £500 million.

or so that Lonrho will pick up from the hotels flotation, the

rather mixed bag of African

This would effectively leave

tractive proposition than the

the Romans — though it would be interesting to know just how much private fi-nance went into building either Hadrian's Wall or Wat-ling Street and the extent of public sector in the canal and railway booms.

The snag appears to lie in a conflict of cultures. The pri-vate sector finds it baffling, not to say frustrating, that the public sector wants to retain the right to manage to the point of specifying the brand of teaspoons in a hospital can-teen, to use an example provided by the institute. On the other hand, according to the ASI, the public sector does not seem willing to recognise that tendering for multi-million-nound contracts is not sumply an academic exercise

without serious cost implications. The ASI wants Whitehall "minders" to cut the red tape business could have com-The new company has good brand names, and since Forte and for the PFI to be taken was taken over by Granada the City has been short of a pure hotels business to put its away from the Treasury and given to the deputy prime minister, Michael Heseltine. The Treasury says it is al-ready looking at the idea of money into - witness the success of the Millennium and Copthorne flotation ear-lier this year. Those factors should be enough to offset a minders, but it is unlikely to take kindly to losing influ-ence over such a financially less than auspicious new important sector. As for Mr Heseltine, he is in

The speed with which the flotation has been announced - only six weeks after Lonlanger of becoming to administrative headaches what the National Lottery is to high-profile problems which get profile problems which get blamed on shortages of cash. Successful PFI projects, howrho resumed full ownership of Metropole Hotels - also shows just how committed ever, are likely to be rather harder to achieve than medthe chief executive, Dieter Bock, is to breaking up the als at the next Olympics. Apart from the £800 million

Rats to rate cuts

businesses is also on track to be floated off separately by Christmas, raising (perhaps) **HERE** is something slightly uncomfortable about the way almost any set of UK economic data these days is judged against the yardstick of a possible cut Lonrho as a mining company with a cash pile of some £600 million — a far more atin interest rates.

The Treasury can be allowed its obvious pleasure in the picture of subdued inflationary pressures revealed by the latest manufacturing

output figures, but it is worth

noting that the Bank of England had factored in a tempo

rary easing in prices pres-sures when it called recently

for a pre-emptive strike against inflation through

than economics - hardly sur-

prising in the run-up to a gen-

eral election.

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Chris Barrie

HE row over pay and perks in the water in-dustry intensified yes-terday when Ian Byatt, the sector's regulator, called on City investors to crack down on executive pay and perks.

As the Labour Party opened an assault on the industry's track record in corporate governance, Mr Byatt unexpectedly stepped up the pressure by revealing that he had asked institutional shareholders to curb water company di-rectors' pay and long-term

benefit packages. A senior official from Mr Byatt's Office of Water Ser-vices (Ofwat) said that the di-rector-general had raised the issue of executive pay with

to benefit from

deregulation of

Jill Papworth

cheque-clearing

THE National Consumer Council called on the

Government yesterday to

ensure that customers

rather than banks should benefit from plans to speed

up cheque-clearing. "We are calling for cus-tomers' accounts to be cred-

ited as soon as the collecting bank or building society receives the funds,"

Under its deregulation initiative, in November the

Government now plans to scrap an archaic law which

requires hanks physically

to send cheques back to the paying branch before pay-ment is made.

This opens the way for

banks to invest in elec-

tronic procedures to cut the

time taken and the cost of

clearing cheques. The NCC said: "We want

the customer."

said an NCC spokesman.

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ers to fall into line on pay and | "The good work is spoilt by issues like salaries, perks and the fat cat issue." perks. The regulator's unease comes as his counterparts in Ofwat's move came as the gas and electricity indus-Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, branded

tries take centre-stage this week in controversial price-capping excercises. Professor Stephen Littlechild is to unwater company chiefs "shameless in their greed". Releasing a survey detailing veil proposals for curbs on the National Grid today, gains worth £20 million to water bosses, Mr Dobson said new long-term bonuses had while Clare Spottiswoode is set for a showdown with Britlittle to do with customer satish Gas at the end of the week isfaction but were about fiover controls on profits at its TransCo pipeline and storage nancial performance.

Water and power company United Utilities said if had ex-plained its remuneration poldivision. Mr Byatt is understood to icy to investors. A spokesman said: "The political and media believe that the controversy over water industry pay is undermining public confi-dence in the regulatory sys-tem. An offical said executive furore has contributed to the public getting the wrong im-pression of the success of the industry.

pay was "an issue of public concern" and large share-holders were "best placed" to Shares in regional electric-City investors in a series of bolders were "best placed" to bi speculation abated on bolders were "best placed" to deal with that. There was still a bold series a low level of customer satisfaction with water company issue, Mr Byatt was keen to see investors "grasp the net-tle" by forcing senior manage. The spokeswoman said: \$3.8 billion.

Call for customer Rebel Names'

enough money to go ahead. Lloyd's 34,000 Names have

review is dealt with swiftly.

nleased that August 19 had al-

ready been set as the judg-

But the judge said if the PNAG was not ready tomor-

row the case was "99 per cent likely" to be dismissed.

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ment date.

little to do with the long-predicted collapse of the capitalist system. On the contrary, it is the logic of private enterprise that case delayed The settlement offer is de-

in the manner of "Tin Pan Alley" and "Fleet Street". The building, a replica of signed to compensate the Names for the £8 billion Indianes for the 25 billion losses racked up by Lloyd's in the five years 1988-92. It emerged over the week-end that the action group had not managed to collect the £500,000 needed to fund the as the market seeks a snit-ably high-tech home for the review. Tony Welford, PNAG chairman, said he was confident the group would have 21st century.



It has been at its present | became the first US presi-base, at the corner of Wall | dent in office to visit the Street and Broad Street, for | exchange.

93 years. Although the ex-Mr Reagan promised the change added a 23-floor tower in 1923, it has out-grown the present facilities biggest bull market in his-tory, and he delivered - for two years. In October 1987, and is poorly equipped for new technology. A decision to leave would the exchange saw the largest drop in the Dow Jones

industrial average — 508 points. The feel-awful fac-tor and "culture of insecube a wrench even by New York brokers' unsentimenrity" followed.

Ironically, a figure from the roaring eighties, devel-oper Donald Trump, has al-ready jumped in with his

proposal for the new ex-change headquarters - the two piers just below the South Street Seaport, which would afford bro-kers spectacular views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the East River.

Mr Trump also has plans to build the world's tallest building close to the new exchange site. An alternative scheme

backed by New York's city fathers, would move the ex-11 change to a 1.5 million sq ft site on perhaps the only other road in New York to match Wall Street's renown

Broadway.

Microsoft chips in to assist ailing Apple

plorer browser to work with it and other platforms as well," a Microsoft official said.

Microsoft quietly set up the unit in San Jose, California, arch-rival Microsoft. The software market leader has been helping small softlast year to direct the pro ware companies write Inter-net programmes for Apple, an gramme, which is expected to employ about 60 people, effort that will cost it millions mostly long-time developers of software for the Mac sys-tem. For Apple, Microsoft's lifeline will come as a relief of dollars. But Microsoft chairman Bill Gates believes that is a small price to pay to keep regulators off his back. and a humiliation. Apple has prided itself on its software know-how, tradi-He is worried at the prospect of anti-trust challenges should Apple collapse. tionally scorning Microsoft

technology. But Apple needs all the help it can get. The company is trying to Microsoft yesterday tried to play down fears about regula-tory action, pointing out that the company has been com-mitted to Apple's Macintosh

system. "We have lots of cus-tomers on the Mac platform months under the new leader-and we want our Internet Ex-ship of Gilbert Amelio, who has initiated the policy of de-tente with Microsoft. Al-though Apple has set its sights on the Internet, independent Macintosh software developers have been frustrated at what they describe as Apple's slow pace on Inter-

net matters. Microsoft is already the leading supplier of software for the Mac. In fact, because of the popularity of Microsoft's range of software products, the company usually makes more money on the Mac than does Apple.

But now Microsoft programmers will be free to ignore the company's flagship

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unfocused, debt-laden con-glomerate it was at the start That point will not have es-American already being buted as a possible bidder. By breaking up Lonrho, Mr Bock may be demonstrating his determination to rid the company of the legacy of his

higher rates. Of course the Bank appears predecessor, Tiny Rowland. But if he is able to do so with to have a somewhat elastic view of the timing of that the speed and at the prices strike but its general message now being talked about in the that rates will have to go up is City, it will be a back-handed singularly less ambiguous. The Chancellor however is compliment to Mr Rowland. who assembled Lonrho's judged to be contemplating a rather idiosyncratic asset portfolio in the first place. rate cut for reasons which have more to do with politics

All uphill for PFI

Martyn Haisall Northern Industrial

HE crisis facing the Point

of Ayr colliery, the last deep mine in North Wales, es-calated last night after its

owners said production would cease at the end of next

year-old colliery was last

week offered to its 200-strong

workforce for £1.2 million by owners RJB Mining, hours after the company announced

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its "immediate" closure.

National Union

Correspondent

But would cutting base rates by a further one quarter of one percentage point prove HE Adam Smith Insti tute has some predict crucial to the Conservatives' ably harsh words to say electoral prospects? Does the about the Government's pub-lic finance initiative (PFI). economy need it? The answer in both cases is that it would The "pro-business" (its own description) think tank probably not make that much reckons that bidding for PFI differenc In the light of the balance of contracts is too expensive, too

argument between cutting or raising rates, the sensible risky and too bureaucratic which is why the programme is running well behind the course might well be to leave them on hold. Even if the targets set for it. Not that the institute is Bank is being overly hawkish against the PFI per se. It reckons that, run properly, it could be the best thing for Britain's infrastructure since

Welsh miners given tough deadline for buy-out study

stage. If they can put a deal together we shall be as help-ful as we can be". His statement followed the

emergence of other possible alliances for a miners' buy-out team. Today NUM representatives are expected to meet officials of Clay Collieries, an opencast mining company, to discuss a possible partnership takeover. RJB, which operates 20

week. The deadline is far shorter than miners' leaders have requested to test the pit's long-term viability. Problems emerged after deep mines, blamed the clo-sure on consistent losses, totalling around £5 million, and said the pit lost money on of Mineworkers' officials asked 38 of the 40 weeks it was in for at least a month to prepare a fassibility study. The 130-RJB's ownership.

The company offered to transfer any miner who wanted new work to other pits. It plans to remove the mining machinery and rede-velop the colliery site, subject to planning permission, for alternative industrial uses.

A majority of the workforce Miners taking over the pit voted at the weekend to commission a study, which began are expected to face problems yesterday. Yesterday Bill Rowell, RJB's managing di-rector for deep mines, said he raising cash for development and new markets. RJB says it could satisfy Point of Ayr's believed the men would know markets from other sources. if a buy-out was viable It was assessed by British within very much less than four weeks. I would certainly not want to pull the rug from Coal in 1991 to have only 3.38 million tonnes of low-risk reserves and has since exunder them at an advanced tracted 2.4million tonnes.

until August 28 to accept or reject their individual settle-ment offers. It is therefore essential that the judicial

Mark Tran In Herr York Lloyd's said it had wanted the review, which it is confi-dent of winning, to go ahead APPLE Computer, wallow-quiety receiving help from as planned. A spokesman said "Lloyd's regrets the de-lay caused by the plaintiff's funding of its action." He added that Lloyd's was an unexpected quarter -

claw its way back to profit operating system and write ability after losses of almost only for the Mac.

result of this change in leg-islation will be passed on to credit for losses paid to date. Under current proposals, banks will be under no legal obligation to do this TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS Australia 1.9325 Franco 7.56 Austria 15.59 Gerouany 2.215 Belgium 45.62 Greece 357.75 Canada 2.0725 Hong Kong 11.70 Cyprus 0.889 India 55.31 Denmark 8.8125 Ireland 0.995
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 Netherlands 2,49
 Spain 188,75

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 and the fear is that they will sit on cleared funds, reaping interest on them through the money Portugal 229.50 Saudi Arabia 5.79 mark 8.6125 Ireland 0.93

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to an adjournment.

a guarantee that any time (PNAG). They believe the saving the banks make as a settlement offer is unfair be

Pauline Springett

RBEL Names at Lloyd's

RBEL Names at Lloyd's of London were yester-day forced by lack of funds to postpone a legal chal-

lenge to the insurance mar-ket's £3.2 billion rescue plan.

The judicial review of the plan, due to have started yes-

terday in the High Court, is

now scheduled tomorrow. If they are successful, the dissident Names could for-pedo the insurance market's survival plans — a risk under-

lined yesterday by Lord Jus-tice Brooke, who warned that it could have the effect of an "Exocet missile" on Lloyd's.

He said he was unclear if

the Names were aware of the explosive nature of the ruling

they were seeking. But he ruled that they were entitled

The dissident Names are

members of the 1,253-strong

Paying Names Action Group

cause it does not give Names

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unthinkable event in postwar history could be immi-nent — the departure of the New York Stock Exchange from Wall Street. tal standards. It was from here that the 1929 crash shook the world. Here, 56 years later, Ronald Reagan Of course, the Big Board's imminent rehousing has KipperWilliams

threatens to turn Wall Street into "Wall Street",

Mark Tren in New York

T IS THE citadel of free

is the ultimate bastion of

fiscal freedom, and to its enemies, the Kremlin of

capitalism. Now, nearly seven years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, another

anterprise — to its fans, it

a Greek temple designed by George Post, just isn't up to the technical demands of today's wired-up brokers. As a result, it is likely to be converted into luxury flats



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Ebb tide . . . The Baltic exchange trading floor has become little more than a social meeting place in recent years

Shattered past, uncertain future

In the first of a series on London's little-known multi-billion pound exchanges, LISA BUCKINGHAM finds problems at the Baltic Exchange

However, domestic prob-

which was founded in 1744 as

NTIL four years | ket's 54,000 shares should each fetch between £500 and £600, rather than the present ago, only a smatter-ing of the popula-tion would ever £10. Indeed, an investor is believed to be attempting to have heard of the Baltic Exchange. Then an IRA bomb shattered two-and-aflout Baltic rules by building a substantial share stake. centuries of obscurity but left the Exchange gazing down the barrel of its modern lems are the least of the difficulties facing the Exchange, destiny.

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The 1992 bomb wrecked the Baltic's Grade II* listed St one of London's famous coffee houses, the Virginia and Bal-Mary Axe headquarters tic. Its future was thrown into the replacement for which doubt late last month by an Inland Revenue raid on Kaphas sparked a bitter row between the Exchange and English Heritage and the City Corporation — but it made pa Maritime, a Greek ship ping company which is part of the business empire of Lou Kollakis, one of the UK's richthe organisation rich thanks to a £26 million insurance est men.

Although the incident appears to be a one-off, it re-ig-nited fears among London's But the windfall created its own problems. Some Baltic members now claim the mar-

that its favourable tax status is under threat. When President Kennedy took a less benign approach to non-domiciled shipping groups, it antihilated New York's position as a major maritime centre. Without expatriate Greek shipowners estimated to account for at least one-third of the market owners to London. the Baltic Exchange could face

Membership of the Exchange did rise a fraction to 670 companies last year and trading on the floor of its new building was initially more vibrant after the bombing than it had been for years, but

the Baltic, like other markets, faces longer term threats. Even though world trade has been growing, there has been a move away from bulk ships towards the timetabled services operated by containerships. And governments are more inclined to sell goods, such as grain, on the basis that cargoes are carried by the national flag ships, which deprives the open market of

these huge contracts. Greek shipping community The rapid decline of the

a similar fate.

tional heartland of the Baltic which, in a consultative paper with Aims of Industry, it sought to address by proposing a British "flag of convenience" to attract overseas But the most potent threat comes from technology. As shipbroking has become a

> **Baltic officials will have to redefine** role of the market if it is to prosper

younger profession, Baltic The Baltic does, of course, perform other functions -- it traders have followed the acts as a centre for foreigntrend evident in other exowned shipping, which then plugs into the insurance, changes - most crucially, face-to-face dealing on a trad-ing floor is foresaken for a banking, loss adjusting and other professional maritime services offered by London. In quick chat on the phone and an E-mail confirmation. all, it is estimated that this Cargo contracts have also beprovides the UK with about come larger and more complex, so less easily decided by £2 billion of foreign exchange a handshake.

Even older brokers admit that the trading floor of the

British merchant marine has Baltic — now minus its beau-clearly affected the tradi-tiful domed ceiling, Italian Government in the recent tax marble and teak-panelling -raids on Kappa, Baltic chief has been little more than a social meeting place for two decades. Monday lunchtimes tend to be the only really active hours and then only be-cause that is when the Greek shipowners despatch their brokers to make eye-contact with their opposite numbers.

executive, Jim Buckley, was given speedy access to White-hall and the upper echelons of the Inland Revenue, in an at-tempt to stop an exodus of valuable Greek shipping And although self-governance has come in for consid erable criticism, and not a lit-

tle suspicion, in recent years, the Baltic claims its self-regulatory role is a boon. Officials frequently act as "honest bro-kers" to pre-empt costly legal action, not only between Exchange members but also with outside companies. And the Exchange can display the identity of traders who default to warn members away. But, like their opposite numbers at other bodies, ranging from the Stock Ex-change to Lloyd's, Baltic officials will have to redefine the role of the market if it is to prosper and continue to underwrite London's role as the world's pre-eminent ship-

earnings a year Baltic officials also act as a semi-official conduit between ning centre The Guardian Tuesday August 13 1996

BAT split planned as cancer case hits shares

Lisa Buckingham

HE tobacco-to-insurance group, BAT In-dustries, will next month discuss whether to split its operations into two after last week's US court ruling which found it guilty of causing lung cancer. Shares in BAT yesterday plunged 45p to 464p — cutting the company's stock market value by almost £1.4 billion following the decision to award nearly \$500,000 in damages to an long standing smoker who developed lung CALCER.

A Florida jury decided last Friday in favour of retired air traffic controller Grady Car-ter and his wife against Brown & Williamson, a BAT subsidiary. Mr Carter, 66, had been a smoker for 44 years. most of that time as a consumer of Lucky Strikes.

He claimed BAT had been

He claimed BAT had over negligent not to warn of the health damage associated with clgarette smoking. BAT said it was confident, as in other cases, of overturn-ing the judgement on appeal. If the group fails, however, it will be the first time a tobacco commany has been forced to company has been forced to pay damages. Industry sources are concerned that a host of similar lawsuits might

News in brief

"The case doesn't make the industry culpable." said Mar-tin Feldman, an analyst at Smith Barney, the American stockbroking group. "It will be overturned." Analysts said yesterday

that internal documents used in the latest case should not have been allowed as part of the trial. An appeal was therefore likely to succeed.

But US companies are feeling the pressure from at least ten state governments which are suing to recover the al-leged billions of dollars they have spent nursing smokers under their Medicaid budgets The shares in other ciga-

rette producers such as RJR Nabisco and Philip Morris were also savaged after the judgement.

BAT admitted that it might look at spinning off its financial services operations --which incude Farmers in the US and Eagle Star and Albed Dunbar in Britain — at some

But a spokesman said the latest US court ruling would not dictate policy — even though BAT has a history of

amending its corporate structure as a result of outside influences such as James Gold-smith's £13.5 billion break up

A BAT spokesman said. however, that directors were convinced that additional shareholder value could be created from combining insurance and tobaccos. The decision on Friday was "a rogue verdict, not a trend, " the company said

BAT found itself in court after acquiring Lucky Strike cigarettes which were part of the portfolio of American Tobacco which was acquired by the British group early last year.

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SAINSBURY said yesterday that it was talking to Royal Ahold, the Dutch supermarket group, about possible acquisition of a lozen of Ahold's American superstores.

Sainsbury, which already owns a number of stores in the United States trading under the name Shaws, said it expected to make a further announcement in the next few weeks, but it would not put a figure on the likely sum involved in the deal. which City analysts expect to be in the region of £50 million. Meanwhile, Sainsbury received a fillip yesterday, when Audits of Great Britain said the company's market share had revived to 21.1 per cent, from 20.6 per cent, while its arch-rival Pesco's share fell from 22.8 per cent to 22.0 per cent. — Ian King

WPP moves to I ratalgar burden itcning to sell exploit surplus drags on Kvaemer artificial skin

Tony May PP Group, the world's largest adver-tising compared by tising company, has plans to buy back its own shares, raise dividends, launch acquisitions and in-crease capital expenditure, to boost returns from surplus £76 million. liquidity.

Announcing a jump in firsthalf profits of 40 per cent to £68.1 million, the Londonbased parent of agencies

J Walter Thompson, Ogilvy & Mather Worldwide and Conquest Europe said it had won new business in the United States and Latin America. It added that the US presidential elections and the Olympics were likely to boost prof-its in the second half. In the first half, WPP won

new business billings of £587 million from companies including ICO Global Communications, a UK satellite telecommunications company, and an additional assignment from Warner-Lam hert. Billings include the price paid for media space and time.

The group has come a long

way since the cash crisis of Pauline Springett 1990, when debts were \$1 billion (now £645 million) and its market value slumped to £28 million. The chief executive, Martin Sorrell, said net average debt had dived from £217 million to £169 million. while bank borrowings were

dented by its £904 million acquisition of the loss-makdown from £178 million to ing Trafalgar House con-

"Average net debt has now fullen 55 per cent from £372 million three years ago. If we meet our objectives for the end of this year we should £71.3 million. be investment grade," he

added. Geographically, the group made its greatest progress in the US and Asia Pacific/ South America. These managed 14 and 15 per cent growth in revenue respec-tively and accounted for 43 and 18 per cent of total group

jumped 12.7 per cent to 5233.2 million, and the group fature and added that costrevenue. Overall, revenue indicated that revenues for July were up 10 per cent be-cause demand for advertising time in the run-up to the US presidential elections, due in November, and coverage of the Olympic Games, had

the Olympic Games, pushed up prices.

order backlog to £6.6 billion and a 30 per **PROFITS at Norwegian** shipping and engineering group Evaerner have been badly

struction group. Kvaerner's half-year profits to the end of June were nearly 56 per cent lower than in 1995, at

Erik Tonseth, Eværner's president and chief execu-tive officer, said: "The group's performance during the second quarter of

the year was significantly affected by the acquisition of Trafalgar House, on 18 April." But Mr Tonseth insisted

cutting measures designed to blend the two business together were now under-way. Kvaerner has already started a £1 billion disposals programme.

Mr Tonseth pointed to the 48 per cent rise in sales to yet been made about it.

£2.3 hillion during the first half, a doubling of the Lisa Buckingham

cent rise in new orders to £1.7 billion. Operating profits fell to £56.1 million from £86.6 million. The interim results in-

cluded one-off gains of £26 million on the sale of ships and £33 million from spite continued tough trading conditions in America. the sale of other assets. The acquisition of Trafal-

gar House turned Kvaerner into one of the world's bigsest manufacturers of off-shore oil and gas equip-ment, and strengthened it turn of the century. in the important South-east Asian market.

"Quite simply we aim to be the global leader in engi-neering and construction," said Mr Tonseth yesterday. The worst performing parts of the group were Kværner's mechanical en-

gineering business, and Trafalgar's luxury cruise line, Cunard. Few analysts would be surprised to see Cunard disposed of, although Mr Tonseth appears to be in no rush. Yesterday

The company's half-time results were in line with ex-Shealth care group with pectations as strong sales in Europe, Asia and its domestic **UK** market offset stagnating consumer products indemand in the US, where clude Elastoplast and Simple sales revenue rose only 1 per cent to £223.1 million.

soap, yesterday unveiled a 6 per cent rise in first-half profits to £90.8 million, de-Shares slipped just 1/1p to

195p. The group's health-care div-ision — which manufactures But the company predicted that its foray into the higher-profit hi-tech sector of artifi-cial skin would deliver extra artificial limbs and bone products — raised its sales by 14 per cent to £454.7 million. That amounted to nearly sales of up to \$500 million (£323 million) a year by the twice the level achieved by the consumer business which also includes brands such as Nivea and Lil-lets Although Dermagraft is currently aimed at the specialist diabetic foot ulcer tampons, and where sales were ahead 8 per cent at market in America, the com-pany is clearly confident of its £84.7 million.

Apart from the US, it was Britain which provided S&N acceptance even at a time when health-care reforms are with its toughest market con-ditions, and sales were making new sales and im-provements in profit margins pushed up by 4 per cent to 286.5 million.

hard to secure. If S&N achieves \$500 mil-lion of revenue on its new product, that would be the equivalent of half its chosen That compares with growth rates of about 10 per cent achieved in the less developed trading areas of Asia, Africa product, equivalent of half its chosen market, and analysis predict that artificial skin has much more to aim for worldwide more to aim for worldwide srowth of 9 per cent at \$131 million.

merger between the insurers Refuge Group and United Friendly. announced last week, is too generous to the holders of full voting shares in United Friendly. While the institutions are supportive of the £1.46 billion

merger, industry sources said they were concerned that full voting shareholders, who include members of United's founding family, would receive four times as many shares in the new company, United Assurance, as other shareholders. Institutional shareholders include Britannic Assurance, Mercury Asset Mannent, Prudential and Legal & General. — Reuters

Long overdue debt up

A RISE in the average value of long overdue debt, to a four-year A roots in the average value of long overlate teel, to a total year high of £176,000 per company, was announced yesterday by a leading credit insurer. Trade Indemnity's quarterly financial trends survey showed that the companies suffering most were builders' merchants, food manufacturers and business services firms. The survey supplied fresh evidence that manufacturers survey supplied fresh evidence that manufacturers were coping with stock overhangs, as the rate of purchase of goods and services needed for future production fell — Sarah Ryle

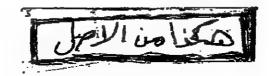
Bank predicts house price rise

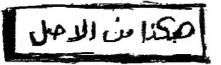
HOUSE prices could rise by 10 per cent over the next two years. Barclays Bank said last night, following its latest monthly mortgage lending survey results. They showed total monthly lending on property rose by 5 per cent in July, contributing to an overall rise of 27.5 per cent in mortgage activity against the same time a year ago. Barclays predicted continued growth in the bousing sector, as new mortgage commitments also rose by 22 per cent against July last year. — Sarah Ryle

Bayer profits leap 13pc

BAYER, the German chemicals group, announced yesterday a 13 per cent jump in half-year pre-tax profits, to DM2.7 billion (£1.2 billion), helped by spectacular growth at overseas operations. Bayer, which makes drugs, plastics and industrial products, said domestic sales had risen only slightly during the period. However, the company insisted that it was still on target to achieve a 5 per cent improvement in available in works. BAYER, the German chemicals group, announ achieve a 6 per cent improvement in worldwide sales. -- Ian King

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Golf

the US PGA Championship at the Valhalla Club in Kentucky on Sunday. Everything he did. after that was disastrous.

A series of tragi-comic errors led to him first conced-

errors led to him thist concea-ing a play-off, then losing it to Mark Brooks, who duly be-came the 78th PGA champion, winning his first major and \$275,000 into the bargain. Perry arrived on the 18th itee during regulation play at 12 whom nor and knowing

12 under par and knowing that if he could birdie what is

an eminently birdieable hole he would be uncatchable bar-

ring anything less than a mir-acle. Brooks, one of three chasing players, would have had to finish birdie, eagle for

But Perry hooked his drive — "my first bad shot of the day" — and it finished in the

bluegrass rough which, as a Kentuckian, he knows well. But knowing it and getting out of it are two different

things and Perry failed the first time, advancing it maybe 100 yards but still in the

His third, from a better lie, His third, from a better lie, was pulled left of the green, he chipped weakly and missed his par putt. A door that had seemed shut was now wide open. Vijay Singh and Store Billington hoth

and Steve Elkington both

failed to get the birdie that would take them through it,

and Perry had the apparent pleasure of watching them from the CBS television com-

instance.

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Perry talks himself

into major defeat

hole.

TRIUMPH FOR JOCKEY AFTER SIX MONTH WAIT

Whip hand . . . Walter Swinburn makes final adjustments before his winning return at Windsor yesterday

Swinburn back with a winner

Chris Hawkins on a comeback six months ago as he lay in a come with head, shoulder and rib injuries after Liffey but they moved the goal posts. Six months ago as he lay in a come with head, shoulder and rib injuries after Liffey but they moved the goal posts. that had racegoers cheering

The Guardian Tuesday August 13 1996

ALTER Swinburn had the dream return to racing yesterday after his life-threatening fall in Hong is months are when i tackled for the increase admit. he would have found much if tackled for the jockey admit-ted that his legs went a fur-long out as lack of finness hit him. "I still feel a bit weak Kong six months ago when winning on his first mount back, Talathath, at Windsor. As he emerged from the weighing room to ride in the Royal Bank Of Scotland and my worst nightmare was that I would get beat a short-head because I couldn't do the Handicap, Swinburn walked horse justice," said Swin-burn. 'I didn't want to let out to a ripple of applause from the crowd and a sharp shower from above. anybody down."

He returned just over ten minutes later to concerted

against him ever riding again but Swinburn, who was 35 last week, never contemplated the end of his career. "It never entered my head that I wouldn't come back," he said. "Tm lost without rac-ing and the biggest thing that I missed was the boys in the weighing room — Frankle's been driving me mad in there already.

and rib injuries after Liffey River had wrapped him around the running rail at Sha Tin, it looked long odds "The carpet was pulled from under my feet and it wasn't until later that I was told that for insurance pur-poses I had to have a minimum of six months off.

"I was angry about that and can't understand why Dr Michael Turner (Jockey Club chief medical advisor) didn't tell me --- I turned down two holidays, one with Steve Cauthen in Kentucky, be-cause I was trying to come back as soon as possible."

"When I first applied to get my licence back in June I was lathath, the 5-1 favourite, en-

ride on his gelding who had just won easily at Brighton. An atmosphere of goodwill permeated nearly every cor-ner of the Windsor track but the stewards, nevertheless, felt obliged to do their jobs and enquired into Dettori's riding of Cape Pigeon who was caught on the line for second place.

Swinburn still reckons he needs a week or so of race-riding to get fully fit and perhaps it was tiredness which contributed to the defeat of his only other mount, Don Bosio, who faded in the final 200

ards when third to Yamuna,

mentary position at the back of the 18th green. He sat there obviously enjoying himself and, to the as-tonishment of everyone, stayed there while Brooks, from the front bunker, hit a recovery shot to five feet and holed the play-off putt. Only after informing the viewers that Brooks was "a helluva bunker player" and seeing it proved did he depart the inver

ower. Perry should not, of course, have been there in the first place but America and Americans are so besotted by televi-sion that its requests are treated like commands and the time that Perry should

of being on air.

Someone should have done

both Perry and the station it-

self a favour by suggesting, after he had done his initial

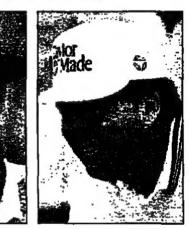
David Davies on a crazy few minutes that handed the US PGA title to Mark Brooks between the transformer of the second s

pion, a man who, it appeared later, was fairly under-HE unconsidered green and the driving range Kenny Perry played staying focused on the job in 17 near-perfect holes hand was instead used up on in the final round of television inanities. whelmed by what he had done. He was asked what win-ning a major meant to him and he had to think for quite some time before he came up with: "Well, I guess its a 10-with: "Well, I guess its a 10year exemption on the Tour." Pressed, he added: "I guess I get into the President's Cup team and I get five years in the British Open — that's kinda nice.'

television inanities. When he finally descended the first thing he did was to ask PGA officials if he had time to go and hit some balls. But, as Brooks had been in the day's final group, there was no time available and he had to go back on to the course to the very tee where, half an hour previously, he had made such a hash of the hole. Brooks is a Texan, he has the word "Hogan" on the front of his cap but there the similarities with the great man, Ben, end. The name is Not unnaturally he made a hash of it again. Again he hooked his tee shot, again he there simply because Brooks plays that company's clubs. He is an effective player, has now won three times this seacould move the ball only fur-ther up the rough and again he was left of the green in three. This time he made a son and over his 14-year career has made \$4,590,753, complete mess of the chip and his championship was in ruins even before Brooks, who had been on the green in two, holed from five feet for with \$1,290,577 of that coming this year. He also, in case any-one finds him as a house guest, eats breakfast wearing his baseball cap.

two, holed from five feet for the conclusive birdie. Afterwards Perry admitted that he had made the most el-ementary of errors. "I stayed up in the tower too long," he said. "I should have gone to the range. Twe learned a hard lesson, I guess." Of course CBS are not completely with-out blame, either. They should have ensured that Perry, who was contending Of all the contenders Brooks had the best chance of Brooks had the best chance of winning it in regulation time. He was 12 under par after eight holes, a position Perry reached only after 14, but in-stead of progressing he fell back to nine under before rallying. He birdied the 18th from the bunker first time around and from the extreme righthead action of the more Perry, who was contending for the first time in a major right-hand edge of the green, maybe 80 feet from the hole, in sudden-death. championship, was not taken in by the perceived privilege

Though this second birdie won the hole positively, Perry had died a death before that, in a television tower where he should not have been.



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'Heroes? We don't even have anti-heroes these days. We're stuck with the likes of Vinnie Jones and Phil Tufnell'

nance Games, Paul Weaver but I saw it all on my Sony LEASE excuse me if this question sounds rude but is there any-one out there? I mean control at there's no point in me banging

Nicam and, from all accounts, so did you. There are more stay-aways in sport these days than you can shake a remote After years of queuing and fighting for a car park space and to avoid a spillage of boilon if I'm addressing a void, is

Zeiss 10r25 for a quick abufty I fear the worst. There is a reason for this disconcertment. I found all those empty seats at the Leeds Test most damatic for the leeds those the worst damatic for the leeds the search of the search of the leeds the search of the leeds the search of the sea obsworth gatemen Test most depressing, as I did the yawning spaces at Crystal Palace for Sunday's Perforglum as Schopenhauer when the milkman hasn't come, has picked up his Thermos and sandwiches and headed for the great indoors. The hot I wasn't actually at Headingley, you understand, or Crystal Palace for that matter, ticket is for 22 Acacia Avenu An Englishman's home is

his audi-visual centre and this is the age of BSkyB, cable and net, with pay-to-view and digital television just a commercial break away. Any one who has attended major sporting occasions knows very well that you see every-thing much better on the box much better on the box.

You attend an event to feel the atmosphere and then pop home to see what actually

I once followed the Tour de France for a week but it was only when I got home to Chan-nel 4's excellent coverage that I discovered what had really been going on behind the woosh of colour and the whiff f garlic and Gauloises.

But there is, perhaps, an-other reason beyond TV, the increasing number of events and spiralling ticket prices. Could it be something to do with the drabness of our sportsmen? Botham and Man-sell have gone and today we have Henman and Hill. I know

people who watch England at cricket and football so they can be entertained by the pposition

When it comes to declining attendances football appears to be the exception. Chelsea attracted crowds of 10,000 and 14,000 to Exeter and Swindon recently-and these were only friendlies.

There were 23,000 at Wolves for a similar kick-about with Rund Gullit's side while Sunday's Charity Shield match be-tween the Uniteds of Newcas-tle and Manchester brought in 73,000. But there is a League of There was a sad little inter-view with Tufnell over the Nations exotica and a flood of TV money which has carried the domestic game towards its eckend. This is the finest spin bowler in the country but

current boom. But where are the British players? Heroes? We don't even have anti-heroes these days. When

than roll-your-own model. A fag is always there, as with Andy Capp, and he has the clever-urchin looks of one of this heady young hack lied about his age and first marched to war with a fistful Fagin's young pickpockets. To err is human, to forgive divof Brooke and s bright new Olivetti, in those dead days when a literary prize felt more ine, and this cricketer has disimportant than a Lottery

ered that the selectors are Infortant that a tothery prize, there were men around like George Best and John Snow. Proper, world-class rebels. These days we're stuck only human. In the piece Tutheli tells us he has changed. He is 30 now, has a new wife and, he says, with the likes of Vinnie Jones and Phil Tufnell.

mends more time at the garden centre among the petu-nias than he does at the pub. He adds that he has calmed down, gees up the lads in the e-room and would be

Motor Racing

good at man-management "be-cause I know what it's like to be an awkward sod". Well, sorry Tuffers, but I

find it hard to believe. At 30 one is beyond fundamental change. We are all character actors, as Wells had it in Tono-Bungay. We all collect baggage as we move through life but Tufnell's Delsey and Samson-ite are so swollen he can barely lift them off the carousel.

But the shape and colour of sport can change, and it has. And in many arenas it's turned grey and uninviting. But I do hope to see you again soon. In the meantime a postcard would be nice.

take championship points off each other throughout a close-fought season. But,

when Mansell suffered a spec-tacular 190mph tyre burst in the season's final race in Ade-

laide, and Piquet made a pre-cautionary pitstop to check the state of his own rubber,

the crown fell from their grasp to be scooped up by

This PR debacle went down badly with the elderly Honda

founder Soichiro Honda,

whose company provided the

McLaren's Alain Prost.

Soccer Leeds seek a long Sharpe shock

there? And as I reach for my

Michael Walker sees a £4.5m soldier in Wilkinson's new model army sign up

EEDS United's rolling rebuilding continued yesterday when Lee Sharpe formally put pen to paper in front of a small gathering at Elland Road: the 25year-old midfielder was bought from Manchester United over the weekend for £4.5 million and has signed a four-year contract. The signing was low-key without even a hint of an Elvis impersonation from Sharpe as he was introduced to the news media and about 150 fans. Given the hype and the multitudes that turned out for Alan Shearer last week, only for Newcastle to

be humiliated at Wembley, it was probably a good thing. Or perhaps English football is so rich at the moment that a £4.5

That, however, should not portance of the signing for said, has been bought "to do but knew his opportunities what he does best, which, I there were likely to be insignings are a certainty" -Leeds's pre-season games funds that has enabled Wilboth Leeds and the player: Sharpe is hoping the move will bring a return of the at-Leeds will soon be fielding a significantly different side while several other players "have come back looking betthere were likely to be in-creasingly limited. "My chances of regular kinson to spend £9.35 million so far this summer and, havthink, is create problems for ing recouped £7 million on from last sea ter than they have for two or opponents on the left. "I don't think I'm buying an According to Wilkinson, still admirably dour with the three years". Added to that, Speed and McAllister, he has "Lee Bowyer is a better about £10 million left of the tacking verve that earned him the last of his eight caps first-team football were getunknown quantity here; his pedigree is without question. Glenn Hoddle phoned me last week and complained about ting a bit harder. I went to see the manager [Alex Ferguson] on Thursday. He told me that two years ago, while Howard Wilkinson has captured a player than I thought he reported £12 million news media, the new faces have already given the dress-ing-room a lift. "At the end of available. Wilkinson is not counting player capable of exerting in-He will emphatically not be he didn't want me to go, so I was preparing for a season of battling to get into the first his chickens, though, and he emphasised the length of time fluence on the left of his restructured midfield. last season," he said, "it was certainly not the happiest." Carlton Palmer has been spending most of that on Tre-vor Sinclair of QPR. "I've the dearth of left-sided players in the country. I said to Lee, slightly tongue-in-cheek, Having lost the "Gary" spoken to Ray Wilkins about it takes for a team to develop team. character and its own person-ality: "A lot of that depends on playing real, hard matches, not friendlies. I'm players -- with an S -- but I couldn't and I wouldn't spend made club captain — "The responsibility will do him good" — and Rush team "Then I spoke to Mr Wilkinelement of that area - Speed 'I'll phone Glenn and say we hape of Bowyer of Charlton thletic and now Sharpe. With Nigel Martyn from pre-season, before identifying of the start of t to Everton and McAllister to might have solved his prob-lem.' Lee Sharpe has come to son and I had a gut feeling. It didn't take me long to make teams. Coventry - Wilkinson has found the "Lee" factor in the Leeds feeling he's got some-thing to prove." Sharpe agreed with that and emphasized his determimy decision. I'm still ambishape of Bowyer of Chariton tious, there's a World Cup in two years and I want to be part of it." Athletic and now Sharpe. Pools Forecast



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Crystal Palace and Ian Rush from Liverpool already on the books — and the chairman Bill Fotherby saying "More He's modest, determined and Rush has played in all has brought an injection of Bill Sotherby saying "More million fee no longer causes a

Williams shuns duel control and team orders

Alan Henry on the thrilling match-race building up between Hill and Villeneuve

AMON and Jacques have been told quite specifically that the only team orders are not to take each other off the circuit. Apart from that, they are free to get on with it." Those words from a Wil-

Williams engines and who had made a special journey liams insider — just prior to Villeneuve's split-second vicfrom Japan to watch one of tory over his team-mate Hill their drivers win the championship. Many believe that Honda concluded Williams in Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix — have cleared the decks for what promises to be a thrilling no-holds-barred match-race for the world had mismanaged their strategy and, 12 months later, the Japanese firm prematurely terminated the link. championship over the sea-

son's remaining four races. By contrast there have been Without the Williams pair battling each other there times when drivers were content to cede their own ambiwould be little in the way of tions and play second fiddle close racing, given the relato their team-mates. One of to their train-mates. One of those was Villeneuve's late father Gilles, who dutifully sat in the wheeltracks of his Kerrari team-mate Jody tive uncompetitiveness of their main rivals. And, while Hill unquestionably remains the favourite as the slightly faster man, the Briton's 17-point lead over the French Scheckter in the 1979 Italian GP and gave the South Afri-can the unchallenged victory Canadian is by no means impregnable. which guaranteed him the It would take only another title.

couple of bad starts -- or an-other mechanical failure -- to In those days Ferrari's standing team orders de-manded that drivers hold postymie Hill's title hopes and allow Villeneuve to make his-tory as the first Formula One sition in the order they were

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driver to win the championand second places in the race. ship in his first sesson. Frank Williams' under-Three years later Gilles Villeneuve's team-mate Didier

standable reluctance to im-Pironi broke that rule to win pose team orders is not simply a matter of contractual obligation — both Hill and Villeneuve enjoy equal status — but a reflection of his passionate belief that his drivers are entitled to race each other with the same zeal they de-

ploy against those from other Cruelly, however, this evenhanded strategy has worked against Williams in the past. In 1986 Nigal Mansell and Nel-

the San Marino GP. There was a team one-two in the weekend's IndvCar race, too. The former Lotus F1 driver Alex Zanardi posted the second victory of his rookie season by leading from

start to finish of the 83-lap Miller 200 race in Lexington, Ohio. The 29-year-old Italian. driving a Reynard-Honda, beat his Chip Ganassi Racing team-mate Jimmy Vasser. who currently leads the Indy-

son Piquet were allowed to Car points championship.

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South Africa yesterday dropped the full-back James Small from the side to face BLACKBURN were yes-ing their first big-money Chester Barnet Hartlepool Certisie Horeford Dartingte Sconthort Ereter Cardiff New Zealand on Saturday after reports of late-night parsigning of the summer after tying. But they picked the hooker Henry Tromp, who was jailed for assault in 1993 after a black employee died reopening the transfer gangway with Newcastle for the £3.5 million-rated Robbie Elliott. from a beating. Mark Ireland, the former The versatile England Aaith Ryrs Hiberolen Rongers Klimarnock Aberdegt Under-21 International was Nottingham hooker, was jailed for two months at Stafscheduled to have talks with Blackburn's manager Ray Barford, followed by a medical at Ewood Park, with the Lancashire club intent on making their first investment from the £15 ford yesterday for breaking an opponent's jaw during a club match freland, now with SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION v Stilline v Clydeban v Duadee v Falkirk Morley, pleaded guilty to as-saulting the Stourbridge lock Jon Taylor in retaliation for a high tackle on a team-mate. million they received from selling Alan Shearer. Elliott, 22, would appear a timely acquisition with

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of £3.5m Elliott

up pursuit

Bowls

Rovers' injury list mount-Ireland's Margaret Johnston ing before they open their Premiership season against Tottenham on Saturday. The Newcastle-born suffered a second successive setback in her defence of the world singles title yesterday when she lost out to Zimba-bwe's Cora Howard-Williams player is believed to have also interested Bruce Rioch 24-25 at Learnington Spa. Scotland's Joyce Lindores before yesterday's up-

heaval at Arsenal. Ivano Bonetti has issued emerged as the only unbeaten woman in the singles champi-onship after she edged out a High Court writ against Grimsby and their manager Brian Laws as he seeks sub-Kenya's Maureen Burns 25-24 in a tense battle in the afternoon, stantial damages after the dressing-room incident at

Luton last February that Cricket

left the Italian with a bro-Australia's captain Mark Taylor has withdrawn from this month's tour to Sri The winger, who last week joined Tranmere, has Lanka so that he can have so far undergone two opersurgery on a back injury. ations and is likely to

remove a damaged nerve. In May the FA charged Laws with misconduct over leading teams, Goroka La-hanis and Kundiawa Warthe incident but the hearing was postponed pending the outcome of Bonetti's riors, was abandoned with the score at 14-14 after fans

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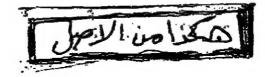
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England v Pakistan: second Test, final day

England selectors drawn into dilemma

Wigan three to take on RFL

Rugby League

Paul Fitzpatrick

WIGAN's Va'aiga Tuigamala, Gary Con-nolly and Henry Paul are on a legal collision course with the Rugby Football League, which is threatening to bar their planned moves into rugby union.

Maurice Lindsay, the game's chief executive, has told all 12 Super League clubs they must seek permission before releasing players to union. "I am sick of reading about our best players mov-ing to union," said Lindsay. "The Wigan-Bath games look to have opened up the floodgates. Now we must close them again."

The three Wigan backs are expected to sign short winter contracts soon - Tuigamala with Wasps, Paul with Bath and Connolly with Harle-quins — but Lindsay warned that News Corporation, who are putting a total of £87 million into the game, did not want to see Super League diluted by players going parttime.

But David McKnight, agent to the three players, said he was surprised the RFL was involving itself in this way and warned: "If it is true, the matter may end up in a solicitor's hands.

McKnight pointed out that Connolly has not received any loyalty bonus from Super League. He has, in fact, signed a contract with the Australian Rugby League, which he is due to join in

of the three Wigan men has any desire to leave rugby league. "They are merely looking for the opportunity to

Robinson echoed the agent's words, doubting the RFL's action would be enforceable "We cannot have a retrospec-tive agreement after other players had been allowed to go to union," said Robinson. "We would have to support our players. It's the RFL's fault for this season being so

Mike Selvey at Headingley NCE England had failed to take the initiative on the first morning this was always going to be a difficult game for them to win and, as expected, it meandered to a draw vesterday. After batting themselves to safety on the third day and Scoreboard

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then into the lead on Sunday they still had the vaguest of chances yesterday but victory depended on some incisive bowling. Although the seam-ers. In particular Andrew Caddick and Dominic Cork, operated effectively Pakistan were never in any real danger of collapse and, with half-centuries from Ijaz Ahmed and Inzamam-ul-Haq, reached 247 for seven — a lead of 196.— when Wasim Akram declared and the teams called it a day. There is something vaguely familiar about the way this series is panning out. Two years ago South Africa won the first Test at Lord's and then played out a draw at Leeds. At The Oval Devon Malcolm produced one of the most destructive spells of Test-match bowling to level the series. England are now required to repeat that win to share the spoils in this series. Although re-laying this pitch strangled the life out of it, making batting easier than anticipated, much fell into place during this game. Stewart's century which brought him the Man of the Match-award showed that his feet are moving him into position better than at any time over the past two years, while the vitality and confidence shown by Nick Knight and John Crawley was a revelation. The selectors have a di-lemma on their hands, however. If they are to have a chance of winning at The

Oval, they need all the bowling they can get. If a batsman has to drop out it will be Π Crawley or Knight and by no means is it clear-cut that the latter would retain his place 1996. The agent added that none purely on the basis that he had made a century. Certainly his left-handed-Moment to savour . . . a rare wicket for Michael Atherton as his Lancashire team-mate Wasim Akram is trapped leg-before PHOTOGRAPH MICHAEL STEELE ness helped to counter the threat of Wagar Younis in particular but there is a belief Gough and, maybe, Malcolm waiting in the wings, Caddick land captain, although when history. But Wasim offered no feated the eye. In the same | tion and merely leads stroke to the most gentle of leg-breaks and after long de-liberation was given out leg-before by Steve Bucknor. the game was entering its over, however, he top-edged an attempted cut to Stewart at larger bar profits for the Leeds Cricket, Football and Athletic Company. A complay for five months when there is no rugby league whatsoever," he said. that Crawley is the only batsdid most to stake a claim for death throes Atherton tugged man in the England side who can read Mushtaq's leg spin. Nor will the performance of off his cap and bowled seven overs of respectable leg spin. Given the state of his back, the next match, striding third man. stiffly down the slope and tak-The last day had been plete ban seems more The Wigan chairman Jack ing the wickets of Inzamam, Salim Malik and Jiaz at a cost watched by a small gathering and it provided a contrast to Inzaman's was the innings realistic. of the day, a knock played in much the same languid manthe bowlers here have made selection any easier. Yesterbowling is low on his list of priorities; he had not turned However, the new England of 52 runs. His bounce and oc the drunken debacle of the Cricket Board will need to ner of those that had graced Lord's. At times he lived danday Cork bowled his best casional hostility on a docile his arm over in a Test match weekend when the behaviour look long and hard at its spon-sors. Tetley put around \$1 since Sydney in 1991. One wicket for 282 had been spell of the match up the hill from the Football Stand and, gaining some rhythm and late pitch would be amplified by the surface at The Oval. of the Western Terrace once gerously, such as when he spliced Caddick over the more put in jeopardy the future of international cricket million a year into the Eng-land team but it is not mor-Lewis is the most likely to be Mutially 15-2-43-0; Lewis I; Caddick 17-4-52-3, Cork his career figures before yes-Caddick 17-4-52-3, Co horpe 10-3-10-0: Athen movement, and he collected the wicket of Saeed Anwar, caught behind off his second terday and one good clump would have lifted him ahead rejected. One player who is certain not to be relied upon as a slips, but some thunderous ally right for cricket to en-Limiting the amount of al-cohol that can be brought into strokes brought him nine boundaries, including a hook | cohol that can be brought into | then critic off Caddick that almost de | the ground is only a part solu- | get drunk. of the Sri Lankan Wijesuriya ford earlies 1-0. delivery. But with Darren front-line bowler is the Eng- for the worst average in Test short,' flotation County championship: Glamorgan v Leicestershire Scoreboard Bevan and Law : Glemorgan (Opte) drew with Nire (11pin). ENSINGE First Innings 528 (B F Surrey (12) . Leics (7) Exect (5) Derbys (14) Yorks (8) ... Biddz (2) . keep counties **Foxes confounded by last pair** ith 190. P V Sin ms 92: C Assurance Similar 190, P V Similars 52; Catley 4-49) GLAMORGANE First innings 433 (P A Col 19y 203, O D Gibsion 97; Similars 5-62). 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Notas (4) Notas (3) Notas (11) Jones has scored more in ing's weather forecast as ras (b4 lb7 w1 nb2) LL of that intensive cally is more crucial to him as total for the county. Glamorgan batsman after anthey prepare for the bonding by Leicester The 11 points Leicester-shire took from this match NatWest Trophy semi-fin-als at Old Trafford and The he hopes for a new contract other walked off. wide-eyed St Helen's spectawas bowled by Macmillan. Over the first 29 overs Glaput them a single point be-hind Surrey at the top of the table. Their slow bowlers, Brimson, Pierson and Mac-millan, all found consistent R Hewson b Maru S N Windows c Licisi b James -S N Windows c Licisi b James -Syntonds of Aymes b Maru C Hanoock b Maru LEADING That left only Metson and morgan had scored without Oval, writes Paul Weaver. loss and their daunting target Kendrick, with a strapped hand. Glamorgan finished on The Australians Michael Bevan of Yorkshire and Essex's Stuart Law have to FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES tors as if it verged on reliwas looking less inaccessible. Then James was leg-before to Simmons; after that a succesgious fervour, was ultimately in vain as Glamorgan's last CLANDROAM: Second Insinge. B James Ibv & Simmons H Morris Ibv & Pierson AW Evans & Simmons & Dierson TM P Maynard st Nacon & Brimson Betting 299 for nine. Yet at one stage Leicester-TH C Hancock b Maru M A Lynch c & b Udai M W Allaynch the b Udai R C J Williams run out C A Walsh c Sub b Udai M C J Bart Bhe b Udai M C J Bart Bhe b Udai pair held out for a draw in 0 Runs 6 762 4 1381 1 839 4 915 be at Heathrow Airport 138 185 185 185 shire, so astutely captained by Simmons, had looked in danger of losing. Morris was sixth out after four hours of this absorbing example of last-day cricket. S Gangely G P Thorpe H H Gibbs S Lee spin - and wickets - in this sion of home players trifled tonight to fly out and join by Simmons, had looked in danger of losing. Morris was sixth out after four hours of controlled and calculated bat-ting. His 106, with 17 boundwith native affection when not taking on the spinners. "M P Mayhard at Isicon o scrim P A Codey b Brinson G P Butcher nan out O D Gibsos b Macmilian S D Thomas b Macmilian R D B Croft c Welle b Brinson their fellow countrymen in Sri Lanka. If the forecast is Glamorgan had been chal-* 777 10-7 70-20 1 602 276 60-30 5 107 126 60-20 5 1175 212 65.27 2 151 1287 65.49 1 1087 156 64.50 1 1087 173 84.50 5 84.50 173 84.50 5 84.50 195 84.55 5 135 1857 84.6 bad and today's matches look like going into second days, both could be left out. Maynard was shaping like the most mature of batsmen be-Seeed Anwar A J Holfoske T M Moody lenged to score 335 in 86 overs. With eight balls left, fore he needlessly charged, to Gibson, who had batted so l N M Kandrick not out D N Crocket The ACB has refused to de-lay their departures. Law has the shorter jourbe stumped. Cottey, the S G Law K M Guman M G Beven double-century maker, was this time out as he swong in-elegantly. Butcher was bril-Total (Gr 9, 65 overa) Path 62, 115, 165, 116, 228, 240, 280, 257, 398, Bowlings Milling 5-1-19-0: Parsons 6-1-15-0; Planson 20-4-75-2; Brinason 27-6-86-3; Walls 6-4-3-0; Simmons 10-4-90-1; Mancollan 73, 444, 4 299 Sussex v Derbyshire ney. He plays at Surrey while Bevan faces a 220liantly run out by Habib; Malcolm strikes to set off home thoughts of a title Croft went at extra cover.
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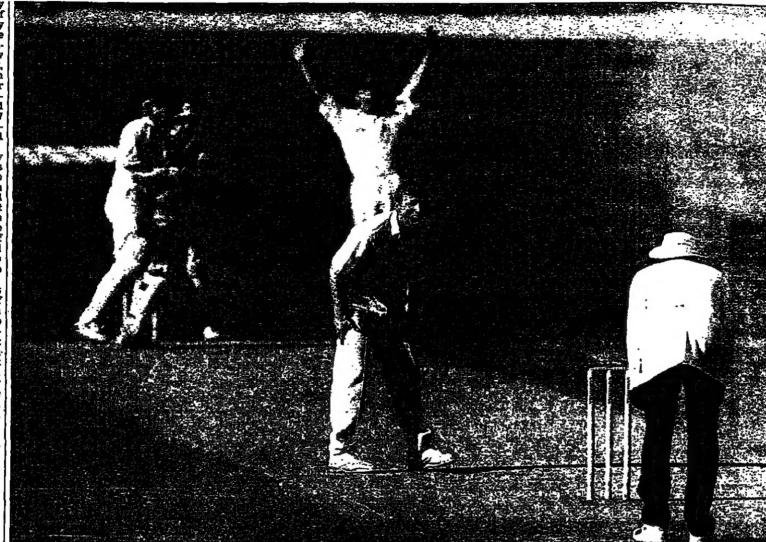
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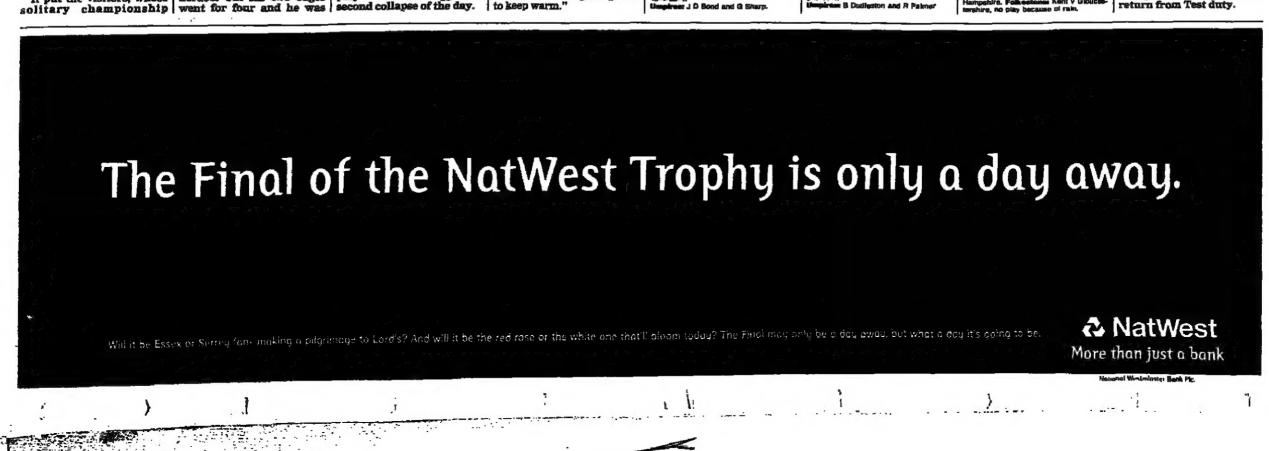
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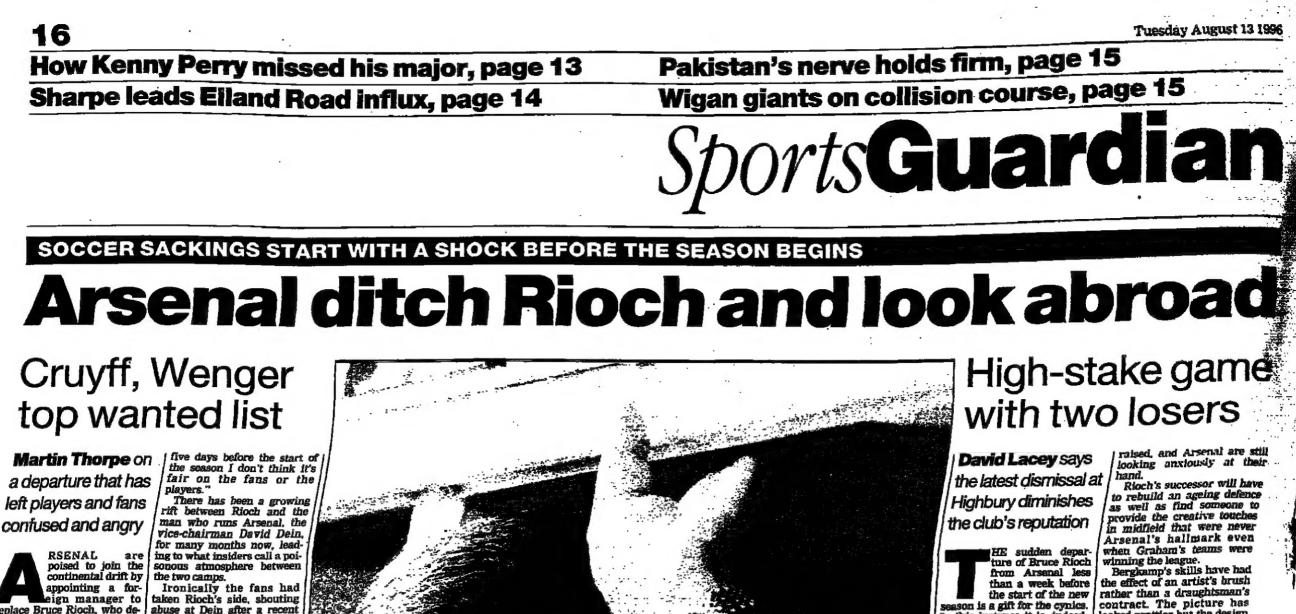
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addiok 40.3-0-113-3; Mullaih 2; Lowis 32-4-100-0; Cori Thorps 3-1-9-0.





High-stake game with two losers

David Lacey says

Highbury diminishes the club's reputation

from Arsenal less than a week before the start of the new son is a gift for the cynics. In this instance it is, indeed, hard not to take the cynical view that Rioch was merely minding the manager's office at Highbury until somebody the club fancied more strongly came along.

How else is one supposed to react? No sooner has Rioch finally signed a three-year contract when the Arsenal board calmly announce that they have decided "it was in the best long-term interest of the club that Mr Rioch should now leave

mistake was in waiting 14 months to decide that it was in his best long-term interests to become George Graham's successor on any kind of permanent basis. Even as he was telling the Arsenal Clubcall that everything had been signed, settled and sealed, the bookmakers were refusing to take any more bets on his im-

Then again, whoever had to pick up the pieces in the wake of Graham's dismissal in February last year was always going to be on a hiding to nothing. Graham left Highbury in disgrace but remains Arsenal's most successful manager since Herbert Chap-

man in the Thirties. The next Arsenal manager will inherit a similarly awkward legacy. Under Graham Arsenal won two championships in three years as well as the FA Cup, two League Cups and the Cup Winners' Cup. Highbury is now a stadium fit Highbury is now a stadium fit Rioch's dismissal is sympand their followers are impatomatic of Highbury's growing unease that this time Arsenal have not merely tient to find another succes ful team to go with it. missed the Premiership boat Rioch seemed to have captured the mood of the moment but failed to book a pas last summer when he signed His successor will not only Dennis Bergkamp from Interhave to sort out the way the nazionale and David Platt team plays, he will need reas from Sampdoria. At last surances about the way the Arsenal were back among the | club is run. big spenders. Not for long, Yesterday's announcement diminished Arsenal more That Arsenal should switch than it did Rioch, it also sug-nanagers at this point be- gested that Highbury's probmanagers at this point be-irays their desperation at see-ing Manchester United and Newcastle United apparently poised to contest the Premier-ship. The stakes have been London N5.

raised, and Arsenal are still looking anxiously at their hand.

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Rioch's successor will have to rebuild an ageing defence as well as find someone to provide the creative touches in midfield that were never Arsenal's hallmark even when Graham's teams were

rather than a draughtsman's contract. The picture has looked prettier but the design is still much the same. Somehow Blackburn's Tim Sherwood, although a solid enough midfielder in the Arsenal mould, may not be the answ

Now that Arsenal have marked time during the summer sales a recovery will be that much harder to achieve. Alan Shearer's £15 million move to Newcastle will have hiked up the asking prices for other English players and it is a bit late to go abroad, even to Scandinavia

Following Graham's dimis-sal Arsenal adopted a policy of dealing with the buying and selling of players at board level. Rioch's role was confined merely to suggesting the men he wanted. He did not appear to be happy with this situation. In a way Rioch has become the principal victim of the Graham hangover.

Barcelona's manager at that time, Terry Venables.

Graham restored to Highbury the stability the club had enjoyed under Bertie Mee in the Sixtles and Seventies. Given the manner of his departure and the desperation

He was Arsenal's second choice, of course. They wanted Bobby Robson, now at Barcelona. Then again, Graham was appointed in 1986 only after Arsenal had made an unsuccessful approach to

Rioch had not been allowed to speak to any of them. This was one of the central reasons why Rioch refused to sign a contract. Finally Rioch did sign at the end of last month after being strongly urged to do so by the Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood. It

more puzzling. Rioch's track record was encouraging, if not startling, He led Arsenal to a place in Europe this season with a

of the club's record signing

replace Bruce Rioch, who de-parted the club yesterday less than a week before the start of the new season. Top of Arsenal's wanted list

are Johan Cruyff, the former Dutch international and Barelona coach who was in Lon don over the weekend, and the Frenchman Arsène Wenger, who has long had ad-mirers on the Arsenal board but is also thinking over an offer to become the FA's technical director.

A big name is essential to placate the fans after a pre-season filled with bad results and adverse publicity, and Arsenal said yesterday that they expect to name a successor shortly. Rioch's departure comes al-

most 14 months after he was hired by Arsenal to do a clean-up job following the George Graham bung scandal dented the club's image and contributed to the team flirting with relegation.

His sudden departure so close to the new season will have left fans and players bewildered. "It is just unbelievable." said the Arsenal forward Paul Merson. "Four or

The front runners



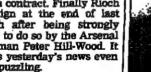
makes yesterday's news even

taken Rioch's side, shouting abuse at Dein after a recent friendly in Florence and planning more protests leading up to the club's annual general

meeting on August 22. They blamed him rather than the manager for the fact that the manager for the fact that, despite the Premiership transfer flurry, Arsenal have signed only the free-transfer goalkeeper John Lukic, this July, since paying \$4.75 mil-lion for David Platt on July 10 105 White in despite 10, 1995. This is despite

Arsenal being linked with players ranging from Lom-bardo to Rui Costa. bardo to Rui Costa. Fans put this failure to strengthen an ageing squad down to Dein's insistence on doing the negotiations him-self, a policy adopted to avoid a repeat of the control of transfers enjoyed by Graham. But it is understood that

But it is understood that Rioch, having told Dein which players be wanted, began to lose faith in his vice-chairman's ability to per-suade players to join the club, privately complaining that, of 28 players submitted to Dein,



side boosted by the addition

the latest dismissal at HE sudden depar-ture of Bruce Rioch

Perhaps Mr Rioch's biggest

minent departure.

winning the league. Bergkamp's skills have had the effect of an artist's brush



Dennis Bergkamp. But even here there has been controversy, with that deal and Platt's transfer reportedly subject to investigation by the Inland Revenue. Team affairs will now temporarily be in the hands of the

assistant manager Stewart Houston, who fulfilled a similar role after Graham's departure, and the coach Pat Rice. The club has ruled out the new youth coach Liam Brady being appointed manager,

though another former

player, David O'Leary, i

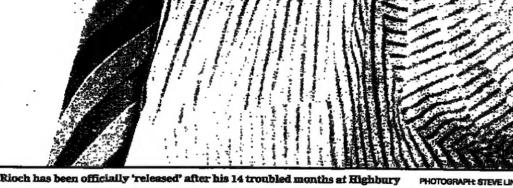
Wenger . . . Grampus 8 boss has had an offer from FA.



being touted as a possible candidate. Arsenal have also twice tried to woo Terry Venables into the job but the chances of a third attempt proving suc-cessful are thought unlikely. The shortest reign CR much of Bruce June 8 1995 Rioch joins Rioch's time at Arsenal Arsenal. given his new commitment to Portsmouth and his pending nothing much appeared to court cases.

A bigger surprise still would be the return to High-bury of Graham, still to find a be happening. For 14 months the manager refused to sign the contract he was offered. And, though new club since his one-year Paul Ince, Zvonimir Boban, Roberto Carlos, Bixente Liban expired last month. The front-runners remain Cruyff, who won the Euro-pean Cup with Barcelona, and zerazu, Clarence Seedorf, Trevor Sinclair, Tim Sher-

Wenger, though he is con-tracted to the Japanese club wood and Alan Stubbs among others, were linked with Arsenal, John Lukic, a free transfer from Leeds,



On his way Rioch has been officially 'rei PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE LINDSELL

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Cruvff ... ex-Barcelona coach

Nagoya Grampus Eight until November — both respected coaches with a reputation for playing attacking football. has been the only signing in the past 13 months.

nis Bergkamp for £7.5 mil-lion from Internazionale. combra July 10 Arsenal sign David Platt for £4.75 million from Sampdoria. January 17 Sheffield United countersign." August 1 "The deadline for knock Arsenal out of FA Cup in third-round replay. February 21 Aston Villa knock Arsenal out of Coca-Cola Cup in semi-finals. March 10 lan Wright de-mands transfer through the then News of the World. August 12 Rioch goes.

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Venables takes Spurs aide to Pompey

Russell Thomas

ONTROVERSY surbles' first day as Portsmouth's director of football when it emerged that he had enlisted the assistance of Ed-die Ashby, his former backenlisted the assistance of Ed-die Ashby, his former back-room aide at Tottenham, to while being an undischarged help with the day-to-day | bankrupt.

running of the club. Ashby helped set up the deal whereby Venables can take control of the cash-strapped club for only S1 in the next three years. However, Ashby's future remains uncertain: next month he apagain."

that once before [at Spurs] and I got rather badly hurt. I swore I would never do that England's Euro 96 coach

Yesterday Venables be limited by legal battles. Pompey," he said. "It dep revealed that he had decided against investing money in the club immediately. "I did away from football but I'll be mouth's managing dire Martin Gregory, Ports mouth's managing director admits to a risk. "If the people spending as much time with Portsmouth as I can." et behind him and get be Venables is buoyant about the challenge but a club cur-rently losing around 27,000 a hind the club, then I am sure he will want to stay. But, if not, I would expect him to walk away and that might

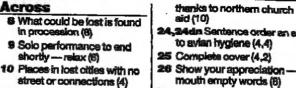
took his first Portsmouth training session yesterday but knows his club time will long Til be involved with Football Club."

I've had to respond to a lot of criticism that my Benefit Cheat Hotline panders to the lowest instincts within us to sqeal on decorators just trying to earn an officially dishonest day's living, so to counter this charge I've made sure the new system also offers a number of lucrative cash competitions as rewards.

Armando lannucci takes charge of Operation Snoop

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